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<p>Image of Scott Pruitt</p> <p>EPA NOMINEE SCOTT PRUITT</p> <p>PAY-TO-PLAY POLITICS IS "REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT"</p> <p>Source: <i>The Oklahoman</i> <a href="#">12/9/14</a></p>	<p>For EPA nominee Scott Pruitt, pay to play politics is "representative government"</p>	<p><b>Pruitt: Took Language Written By The Energy Industry, "Copied It Onto State Government Stationery With Only A Few Word Changes, And Sent It To Washington With The Attorney General's Signature."</b> According to <u>The Oklahoman</u>, "The New York Times reported that Pruitt is among attorneys general in at least a dozen states who have assisted energy producers in pushing back against federal attempts to regulate the oil and gas industry. The article said those attorneys general have been rewarded with at least \$16 million in political contributions this year. The newspaper cited a letter Pruitt sent to the Environmental Protection Agency accusing federal regulators of grossly overestimating the amount of air pollution caused by energy companies drilling new natural gas wells in the state. Emails reveal the letter was actually drafted by attorneys for Devon Energy Corp., The New York Times reported. 'The attorney general's staff had taken Devon's draft, copied it onto state government stationery with only a few word changes, and sent it to Washington with the attorney general's signature,' the newspaper reported." [The Oklahoman, <a href="#">12/9/14</a>]</p> <p><b>Pruitt: "That's Actually Called Representative Government In My View Of The World."</b> <u>The Oklahoman</u> reported, "Pruitt said he believes he has been transparent. Pruitt said his office frequently signs on to friend of the court briefs and letters originated by other states, when it agrees with their positions ... 'Here it was no different. Here was a situation a constituent, an Oklahoma company, made us aware of the overreach of the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) around something as important as hydraulic fracturing.' 'That's actually called representative government in my view of the world,' he said." [The Oklahoman, <a href="#">12/9/14</a>]</p>
<p>Scott Pruitt on screen, with different silhouetted figures &amp; oil pumps behind him</p> <p>PRUITT PROTESTED EPA...</p> <p>Source: <i>New York Times</i>, <a href="#">12/6/14</a></p> <p>THOUSANDS FROM DIRTY ENERGY</p>	<p>He protested EPA looking into the dangers of fracking while taking thousands from dirty energy interests.</p>	<p><b><u>December 2011: Pruitt Decried EPA's Attempt To Regulate Fracking; Within Days, He Had Received Thousands In Contributions From Two Major Polluters, And Devon Energy Execs Said They Were "Proud" Of His Performance On Television</u></b></p> <p><b>December 4, 2011: Pruitt Said Fracking "Revolutionized The Natural Gas Industry ... Current EPA Administrator Is Marching Toward Having The Federal Government Oversee Hydraulic Fracturing."</b> In December 2011, Pruitt was among three attorneys general to participate in a presidential forum hosted by Mike Huckabee. At one point, Pruitt discussed the EPA and fracking with Mitt Romney. Pruitt said, "Governor, you mentioned hydraulic fracturing ... you know that that's revolutionized the natural gas industry as -- as far as extracting natural gas. The states have primacy in that area right</p>



Source: IRS, 527  
Report of  
Contributions and  
Expenditures, [4/15/14](#)

now from a regulation standpoint ... The current EPA administrator is marching toward having the federal government oversee hydraulic fracturing.” [Political Transcript Wire, 12/4/11]

**December 5, 2011: Pruitt Received \$1,000 From A Major Oil & Natural Gas Company’s PAC.** On December 5, 2011, Pruitt received \$1,000 from the political action committee of Spectra Energy, a major oil and natural gas company. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed [1/16/17](#); Spectra Energy website, accessed [1/16/17](#)]

**December 21, 2011: Pruitt Received \$3,000 From Exxon Mobil’s PAC.** On December 21, 2011, Pruitt received \$3,000 from the political action committee of Exxon Mobil. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed [1/16/17](#)]

**Pruitt’s Office Urged Devon Energy Executives To Watch The Atty. Gen. Discuss Fracking On Television; Devon Energy Execs Were Thrilled With Pruitt’s Performance.** In December 2011, an employee of the Oklahoma Attorney General’s office wrote to the Executive VP of Public Affairs and the Public Policy Coordinator of Devon Energy, saying, “I hope you get a chance to see AG Pruitt’s question on EPA and fracking to Gov. Romney. He was a co-host of a presidential candidate on Fox Huckabee.” Bill Whitsitt, Executive VP of Public Affairs at Devon Energy, wrote back, saying, “I’m watching the ... broadcast. So proud of Scott!” [New York Times, [12/6/14](#)]

**2011: Two Days After Devon Energy & Continental Resources, Two Groups That Enthusiastically Support Fracking, Gave \$150,000 (Total) To RAGA, Pruitt Protested EPA’s Fracking Study**

**Two Days After Devon Energy Gave \$125K To RAGA, Which Pruitt “Helps Lead,” Pruitt Wrote To The EPA “Protesting Its Proposal To Study The Impact Of Fracking.”** In December 2014, the Tulsa World reported, “Two days after Devon Energy contributed \$125,000 to a national association that Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt helps lead, Pruitt wrote a letter to the EPA protesting its proposal to study the impact of fracking, records show. For its contribution on March 31, Devon, an Oklahoma City-based Fortune 500 company, qualified for the highest level of access offered by the Republican Attorneys General Association at its four annual conferences ... Pruitt is a two-time past chairman of the association and now serves on its executive committee.” [Tulsa World, [12/9/14](#)]

**March 31, 2014: Devon Energy Donated \$125,000 to RAGA.** [CQ Moneyline, Republican Attorneys General Association, Accessed 12/22/16; IRS, 527 Report of Contribution and Expenditures, [4/15/14](#)]



- **Devon Energy Touted Fracking As Part Of Its Work.** Devon Energy's website states, "Our application of horizontal drilling, combined with hydraulic fracturing, broke the access code to shale, the stingy resource rock that had frustrated energy companies for more than a century ... Hydraulic fracturing is a safe and environmentally compatible technique that has been conducted more than a million times in the United States over the past 60 years with a clean record of groundwater protection. The practice is overseen by state regulatory agencies." [Devon Energy, accessed [1/16/17](#)]

**March 31, 2014: Continental Resources, Another Oil Company, Gave \$25,000 To RAGA.** In December 2014, the [Tulsa World](#) reported, "The RAGA also received \$25,000 from Continental Resources, an independent oil company based in Oklahoma City. The contribution was made March 31, the same date Devon made its contribution and two days before Pruitt's letter was sent to the EPA." [[Tulsa World, 12/9/14](#)]

- **CEO Of Continental Resources Was A "Fracker-In-Chief" And A Possible Trump Cabinet Nominee.** In July 2016, CNBC reported that Donald Trump was considering Continental Resources CEO and "top fracking mogul" Harold Hamm for a cabinet position. The article continued, "Hamm, 70, became one of America's wealthiest men during the U.S. oil and gas drilling boom over the past decade, tapping into new hydraulic fracturing drilling technology to access vast deposits in North Dakota's shale fields ... 'Given that Hamm's as close as we've got to a fracker-in-chief in this country, it would be an apropos pick for a president who thinks global warming is a hoax manufactured by the Chinese,' said leading environmental activist Bill McKibben." [CNBC, [7/20/16](#)]

**April 2, 2014: Scott Pruitt Sent Letter to EPA Inspector General Asking Him to Reconsider Fracking Study.** In April 2014, Pruitt wrote to the EPA, saying, "I am writing to express my concern over your February 5, 2014, Memorandum in which you announce that the EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) is beginning preliminary research on the EPA's and states' ability to manage potential threats to water resources from hydraulic fracturing. I am concerned that this project is politically motivated and ignores the EPA's three previous failed attempts to link hydraulic fracturing to water contamination." [Scott Pruitt Press Release, [4/2/14](#)]

**Dirty Energy Industry Has Given \$350,000 Directly To Pruitt**

**Dirty Energy Interests Have Given Nearly \$350,000 Directly To**



**Pruitt’s Political Campaigns.** Over the course of his political career, Pruitt has raised \$345,246 from dirty energy interests, including \$276,611 from oil & gas, \$42,385 from electric utilities, and \$26,250 from mining. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed [1/16/17](#)]

- **\$11,500 From Chesapeake Energy.** Between 2010 and 2014, Chesapeake Energy contributed a total of \$11,500 (6 separate contributions) directly to Pruitt. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 1/16/17]
- **\$10,000 From Devon Energy.** Between 2010 and 2014, Devon Energy contributed a total of \$10,000 (2 separate contributions) directly to Pruitt. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 1/16/17]
- **\$6,500 From Exxon Mobil.** Between 2011 and 2014, Exxon Mobil contributed a total of \$6,500 (4 separate contributions) directly to Pruitt. [National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 1/16/17]

**2012 – 2016: Pruitt Served In Leadership Of The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) And The Rule Of Law Defense Fund, A Group Set Up To Solicit Undisclosable Donations**

**March 2012 – January 2014: Scott Pruitt Served As Chairman Of RAGA.** Scott Pruitt was elected chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association in March 2012, and re-elected to that position in February 2013. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson took over the role in 2014. [Journal Record, 3/7/12; OK Atty Gen’s Office, [2/25/13](#); Associated Press, 11/29/13]

**Pruitt Set Up The Rule Of Law Defense Fund That “Allows Companies Benefiting From The Actions Of Mr. Pruitt And Other Republican Attorneys General To Make Anonymous Donations, In Unlimited Amounts.”** According to the New York Times, “In addition to the American Petroleum Institute, major energy companies — ConocoPhillips, the oil and gas company; Alpha Natural Resources, a coal mining giant; and American Electric Power, the nation’s biggest coal consumer — have recently joined the Republican Attorneys General Association, bringing in hundreds of thousands of additional dollars to the group, internal documents show. By last year, the association was starting to pull in so much money under Mr. Pruitt’s leadership that it decided to break free from its partnership with the Republican State Leadership Committee, a group that represents state elected officials. Within months, the association also set up the Rule of Law Defense Fund, yet another legal entity that allows companies benefiting from the actions of Mr. Pruitt and other



Republican attorneys general to make anonymous donations, in unlimited amounts. Fund-raising skyrocketed.” [New York Times, [12/6/14](#)]

**April 2014 – November 2015: Pruitt Was A Board Member Of Rule Of Law Defense Fund.** According to the Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, Scott Pruitt was a board member of the Rule of Law Defense Fund from April 2014 until November 2015. [Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 278e, 12/16/16]

**Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2015: Pruitt Was On RAGA’s Executive Committee.** [RAGA, [11/17/14](#)]

**November 2015 – November 2016: Pruitt Was Chairman Of Rule Of Law Defense Fund.** According to the Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, Scott Pruitt was Chairman of the Rule of Law Defense Fund from November 2015 until November 2016. [Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 278e, 12/16/16]

**November 2016 – December 2016: Pruitt Was On Board Of Directors Of Rule Of Law Defense Fund.** According to the Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, Scott Pruitt was a member of the Board of Directors of the Rule of Law Defense Fund from November 2016 to December 2016. [Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 278e, 12/16/16]

**During That Time, These Groups Solicited And Raised Millions, Often In Undisclosed Sums, From Polluters**

**RAGA Raised \$3,443,491 from Fossil Fuel Interests Between 2014 and 2016.** [CQ MoneyLine, Republican Attorneys General, accessed 12/20/16]

**Rule of Law Defense Fund Solicited Non-Disclosable Donations from Fossil Fuel and Other Special Interests at RAGA Events.** [Rule of Law Defense Fund, accessed [12/21/16](#)]

- **Rule of Law Defense Fund Was a 501(c)(4), Did Not Have to Disclose Donors.** [Rule of Law Defense Fund Form 990, accessed 12/21/16]

**Rule of Law Defense Fund Transferred \$709,447 to RAGA between 2014 and 2016.** [CQ MoneyLine, Republican Attorneys General, accessed 12/20/16]



<p>Scott Pruitt on screen</p> <p>TELL YOUR SENATORS: WE CAN'T TRUST PRUITT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH</p> <p>#PolluterPruitt</p> <p>lcv.org/rejectpruitt</p> <p>Paid for by League of Conservation Voters.</p>	<p>So can we really trust him to protect our to protect our health?</p> <p>Reject Pruitt for EPA Administrator.</p>	
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