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RICH BUREAUCRATS GET RICHER

by Adam Andrzejewski, CEO & Founder of OpenTheBooks.com and Author, *Operation: Drain The Swamp*, an Encounter Broadside publication.

The Ivy League and the federal government might sound like strange bedfellows. However, I know of no other connection that more powerfully illustrates the depth of the swamp in D.C. Recently, our organization at OpenTheBooks.com investigated and found that during a six-year period, the eight colleges of the Ivy League reaped \$42 billion in U.S. taxpayer subsidies, special tax breaks, and federal payments on contracts and grants.

It's no wonder the Ivy League has been called "a hedge fund with classes."

In fact, the Ivy League's federal contracting business *exceeded* its educational mission. School officials collected \$25 billion in federal grants and contracts and only \$22 billion in undergraduate student tuition.

To make matters worse, many of the Ivy League grants were loaded with taxpayer abuse. Cornell University received \$1 million for a study titled, "Where It Hurts the Most to Be Stung by a Bee." Columbia University received \$5.6 million to create fake voicemails from the future describing the world after it's been decimated by climate change. The Ivy League received so much federal money for

these kinds of projects that it out-ranked 16 states on the direct receipt of federal funds.

The Ivies don't need taxpayer help. We estimate their collective June 2021 endowment exceeds \$170 billion — more than enough to function without money from taxpayers without college degrees.

Swampy politicians don't just live in D.C. I'm from Illinois or, as I like to call it, the Super Bowl of Corruption. Illinois is so corrupt that recently four of nine governors were convicted and sent to federal prison. In 2013, two Illinois governors found themselves in jail at the same time — one from each party: Republican George Ryan and Democrat Rod Blagojevich.

It doesn't get much better at the local level.

In 2011, Rahm Emanuel ran for mayor and promised to end the historic pay-to-play system in City Hall by which contractors acquire lucrative deals by providing campaign cash to politicians. When he was elected, Emanuel issued an executive order: city contractors were prohibited from giving him campaign cash.

In 2015, Rahm ran for re-election, and I checked Emanuel's cam-

paigned promises. We found that 600 city vendors gave Emanuel \$7 million in campaign cash and received \$2 billion in city payments.



Adam Andrzejewski

In America, the citizen is sovereign. We have been given a gift unique in the last 5,000 years of human history: a constitution that secures inalienable rights for each citizen — rights that come from God and not government. In order to hold government accountable, our founders enshrined the right to transparency in our founding document.

Article I, Section 9 of the United States Constitution states, "... a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time." Today, in the age of the Internet and big data, there's a clear interpretation of this clause: post 'Every Dime. Online. In Real Time.'

In other words, Open The Books!

I founded the nonpartisan, public charity, OpenTheBooks.com on that vision: to capture and post online, every dime, taxed and spent at every

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level of government, federal, state, and local. We aspire to empower citizens with the information to hold the political class accountable for tax and spend decisions.

We filed 40,000 Freedom of Information Act requests last year and built the world's largest private database of public-sector expenditures. We've captured all federal spending since the year 2001 along with 49 out of 50 state checkbooks. Last year, for the first time in U.S. history, we captured the salary and pension records of virtually every public employee at every level of government.

Recently, our organization updated an oversight report called, "Mapping The Swamp, A Study of the Administrative State." In January 2021, we broke national news that Dr. Anthony Fauci was the #1 most highly compensated federal employee — even out-earning the President.

We found that in the 78 largest agencies, the average salary exceeds \$100,000, and 500,000 federal bureaucrats "earn" six-figure salaries. One million federal bureaucrats received \$1.1 billion in performance bonuses due to the fact that 99.6 percent of all federal bureaucrats are rated "fully successful."

I'll let you judge whether that rating sounds reasonable.

We also found serious transparency problems. Performance bonuses are shielded from disclosure by the union contracts. Federal retiree pension payouts are also shielded, even though taxpayers help fund and guarantee them.

Bottom line? We have a lot of work to do. In June 2021, the Congress passed and President Joe Biden signed another federal holiday, Juneteenth. Now, the average federal bureaucrat gets 44 days of paid time off each year.

But there's more bad news: the

biggest swamps are in our own back yards. State and local governments dwarf the federal swamp. Of the two million public employees earning more than \$100,000 per year, 1.7 million are employed by state and local governments.

In Texas, a city manager was paid-out \$1.1 million in the two years before retirement. In Chicago, the tree trimmers make more than \$100,000. In New York City, the school district janitors out-earn the principals at up to \$200,000, and in Los Angeles County, the lifeguards make up to \$392,000.

It's time to hold our local officials accountable for tax and spend decisions.

We can't complain about Washington, D.C., if we can't hold our local officials accountable. It's time to fact check our politicians and their promises, and that's exactly what we've been doing.

In San Francisco, Mayor London Breed promised to solve her city's homelessness and public defecation disaster. After her first year in office, we mapped the San Francisco human waste challenge by placing a brown colored pin in each location where human waste had been reported. We found a brownout in the Bay Area. In 2011, there were 5,500 reports. In 2015, that number increased to 13,326. In 2017, there were 20,668 reports, and in 2019 there were 31,000. Over this nine-year period, there were 140,000 reports — a human health catastrophe.

Each year in all 50 states we file a Freedom of Information Act request for state checkbooks. In 49 states, we get line-by-line state expenditures.



Only California Controller Betty Yee rejected our request. She claimed (incredibly) that she couldn't *locate* any of the transactions. Yee admits to paying 49 million individual bills last year and spending \$320 billion, yet she won't provide a single transaction record. So, last year, we sued California to begin the process of forcing open state expenditures.

We've never lost a state checkbook transparency fight, and when we open the books in California, we'll start by cross-referencing Governor Gavin Newsome's campaign donor disclosures with the state checkbook vendor list.

We did this in Oregon and discovered that Governor Kate Brown solicited 557 state vendors for \$2.6 million in campaign cash — and those vendors reaped \$4.4 billion in state payments.

We also investigated New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and found that he solicited 347 state vendors for \$6.3 million in campaign cash — and those vendors reaped \$7 billion in state payments.

We'll never make America great if we can't make it accountable — accountable both to this generation as well as future generations.

The national debt is pushing \$30 trillion. We're adding \$1 trillion in budget deficits each year and \$4 billion each day. President Biden has a stunning \$6 trillion spending agenda. Too many times, patronage Republicans in Congress joined Democrats to drain the U.S. Treasury from the left and the right.

OpenTheBooks.com has outlined a simple, four-point strategy: 1) Open and audit the books; 2) Declare war

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on waste; 3) incentivize every government employee to blow the whistle on government waste; and 4) report the progress to the American people.

1. Federal Covid-19 aid — here's a small sample of what we found:

- \$100 million flowed to the 50 richest places — congressional “bailout” relief to America’s wealthiest towns.
- \$168 million flowed to the eight Ivy League colleges — remember they have a \$170 billion endowment.
- \$400 billion — Criminals, con artists, and crime syndicates stole unemployment benefits in the

largest public fraud in the history of America (and no one is talking about it)!

2. Improper and Mistaken Payments — Improper and mistaken payments either went to the wrong person, were cut for the wrong amount, or were provided under the wrong rule.

Federal agencies admitted to paying \$1 billion last year to people with death certificates on file.

Social Security admitted to \$10 billion in overpayments last year. There are six million active Social Security numbers for people over the age of 112, but there are only 40 people in the world over the age of 112.

Medicare and Medicaid admitted to overpayments of \$103 billion in 2020.

Last year, the Internal Revenue Service admitted that \$1 of every \$4 paid out on the Earned Income Tax Program was improperly or mistakenly paid to a tune of \$18.4 billion.

Since 2004, the 20 largest federal agencies admit to mistaken and improper payments of \$2.6 trillion.

This government is not run by technocrats. It's institutionalized bureaucratic incompetence with tenure.

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THE GREAT RESET IS CHANGING HUMANITY

by Patrick Wood, author of *Technocracy: The Hard Road to World Order*.

Technocracy is to the transformation of society as Transhumanism is to the transformation of the human condition of people who would live in that society.

Both are underpinned by a religious belief known as Scientism that says that science is a god and that scientists, engineers and technologists are the priesthood that translates findings into practice.

It is a fatal error to equate Scientism with science. True science explores the natural world using the time-tested scientific method of repeated experimentation and validation. By comparison, Scientism is a speculative, metaphysical worldview about the nature and reality of the universe and man's relation to it.

Scientism refutes traditional religious views, morals and philosophy and instead looks to science as the source for personal and societal moral value.

The relationship between Tech-

nocracy and Transhumanism can be seen as early as 1933 when Harold Loeb wrote *Life in a Technocracy: What It Might Be Like*:

Technocracy envisages another form of domestication, a form in which man may become more than man... Technocracy is designed to develop the so-called higher faculties in every man and not to make each man resigned to the lot into which he may be born... Through breeding with specific individuals for specific purposes... A technocracy, then, should in time produce a race of men superior in quality to any now known on earth...

Thus, Loeb saw Technocracy (the society) as producing a superior quality of man by applying advanced technology to the human condition.

The Nature Of Technocracy

Formalized in 1932 by scientists and engineers at Columbia Univer-



sity, the movement defined itself in a 1938 edition of its magazine, *The Technocrat*:

Technocracy is the science of social engineering, the scientific operation of the entire social mechanism to produce and distribute goods and services to the entire population... For the first time in human history it will be done as a scientific, technical, engineering problem.

Indeed, Technocracy was an economic system based on science and social engineering. Technocrats were so certain that their scientific approach was so righteous that there

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would be no need for any political structures whatsoever:

There will be no place for Politics, Politicians, Finance or Financiers, Rackets or Racketeers... Technocracy will distribute by means of a certificate of distribution available to every citizen from birth to death.

Today, Technocracy is embodied in the World Economic Forum's Great Reset and the various United Nations' manifestations of Sustainable Development: Agenda 21, 2030 Agenda, New Urban Agenda, etc.

The Nature Of Transhumanism

A philosophical mainstay of modern Transhumanism, Max More, defined it in 1990 as:

...a class of philosophies of life that seek the continuation and acceleration of the evolution of intelligent life beyond its currently human form and human limitations by means of science and technology, guided by life-promoting principles and values.

The means to the end is ultimately genetic engineering that takes over and speeds up evolution theory to create humanity 2.0.

Since the advent of CRISPR gene-editing technology, Transhumans have saturated universities and private corporations to modify all categories of living things, including humans.

What is preached as the preservation of biodiversity by the United Nations is really the takeover of genetic material.

The Earth Brokers, was written by two principal participants at 1994 U.N. Conference on Economic De-

velopment in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They noted two things about the biodiversity convention that 156 nations of the world adopted:

The convention implicitly equates the diversity of life — animals and plants — to the diversity of genetic codes, for which read genetic resources. By doing so, diversity becomes something modern science can manipulate... the convention promotes biotechnology as being 'essential for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.'

Secondly, they noted that "the main stake raised by the biodiversity convention is the issue of ownership and control over biological diversity... the major concern was protection of the pharmaceutical and emerging biological industries."

No wonder that the pharmaceutical industry is producing gene therapy shots using genetically modified RNA to transform the body's immune system. They have been working hard since 1992 to advance the technology needed to hijack the human genome and begin the transformative pathway to Humanity 2.0.

However, it is Technocracy that has used its "science of social engineering" techniques to manipulate twenty-two percent of the world's population into willingly accepting the transhumans' gene altering injections.

The Great Reset Embraces Both Technocracy and Transhumanism

The World Economic Forum and its founder/spokesman Klaus Schwab, are promoting both Technocracy and Transhumanism at the same time.

The European Academy on Religion and Society wrote that:

...the highly influential members of the World Economic Forum have a plan for what should come next. It is called 'The Great Reset', and it envisions a truly 'transhumanist' future for us all... Since mid-2020, the WEF has been promoting its vision for our post-coronavirus future, which they call 'The Great Reset'. In their view, the pandemic has exposed the weaknesses of our old system, and therefore presents a perfect opportunity to 'reset' our world and start anew. **What is striking about this plan, which the WEF has condensed into a virus-shaped mindmap, is its implicit endorsement of a philosophy called 'transhumanism'.** (emphasis added)

As initially stated, "Technocracy is to the transformation of society as Transhumanism is to the transformation of the human condition of people who would live in that society."

In conclusion, the evil twins of Technocracy and Transhumanism, along with their underlying religion of Scientism, need to be recognized for what they are but most importantly, they must be resisted and rejected with every fiber of our being. 

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