

## Are radical leftist groups in the U.S. receiving money from George Soros-funded organizations **AND** U.S. government grants paid for by U.S. taxpayer dollars?

Dear Fellow Conservative,

The short answer is **YES**:

Judicial Watch is now investigating federal government support of George Soros-funded organizations operating here in the U.S.

Judicial Watch lawsuits already uncovered stunning information into allegations of **millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars being improperly funneled to radical billionaire George Soros-funded groups overseas with the help of senior officials inside the State Department!**

It was our lawsuits that showed how **U.S. taxpayer money was being passed through the U.S. State Department and USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development)** to advance **Soros'** radical leftist agenda in countries including **Albania, Colombia, Macedonia and Romania**. That's right: We found that a Soros official was helping direct taxpayer money (in the form of U.S. government grants) from our State Department to radical Leftists groups in Europe.

And as an American citizen you are now being asked if you will show your support for continuing our investigations and litigation into these matters and **Soros'** massive network of U.S. based, radical left-wing organizations, some of which are also receiving funding from U.S. government grants!

As incredible as all of this is, we're finding that there's more to the **George Soros story happening here in the United States.**

Judicial Watch investigations have found that U.S. taxpayer funds are flowing into **Soros-funded groups** working to advance his agenda **here at home** on fronts ranging from undermining honest U.S. elections to helping create chaos and crisis on our southern border...

...and we want to know the full picture of U.S. taxpayer support for these Soros-allied groups!

Your signature on the **AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form does not make you a party to or bind you in any way to the outcome of **Judicial Watch's** lawsuits. But it helps Judicial Watch establish a foundation of individual support in each of the relevant twelve federal circuit court districts across the United States to substantiate sufficient public benefit in pursuing these investigative and legal actions.

Naturally, we believe the use of U.S. taxpayer funds to support any individual's personal political agenda is wrong (details of the financial and staffing nexus between OSF and the U.S. government are available in a Judicial Watch investigative report available on our website at <http://jwatch.us/opensociety2018>)...

Based on our discoveries about **Soros'** activities overseas, we are expanding our investigations (and potentially litigation) to get to what the American public needs to know about the extent to which the **Soros' domestic** interests are profiting from U.S. taxpayer funds...and whether more Soros associates are helping direct U.S. taxpayer dollars in the form of grants to **Soros-funded** groups here at home!

Your signature allows Judicial Watch to establish an appropriate record of public support of our investigative and any litigation proceedings into taxpayer support for **George Soros' Open Society Foundations**.

**So if you agree with these actions, please sign the enclosed AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT and HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT document and return it using the registered co-complainant envelope provided.**

**The issues supported by the Soros-funded network of radical-left organizations within the United States...**

**George Soros'** biggest contributions to fundamentally transform America go through his **Open Society Foundations (OSF)**, which provides hefty financial support to groups that work to impact public policy in the United States and share the **OSF's** radical-left views.

According to the **OSF** website, it has contributed **\$1.5 BILLION** to groups in the U.S. alone. And in a stunning move in late 2017, Soros transferred the bulk of personal wealth...**\$18 BILLION**...to the **OSF**, which is now second only to the Bill and Melinda Gates's Foundation in U.S. assets.

Now, George Soros has every right to spend his money any lawful way. And he can surely contribute his wealth to any organization (however radical) as he pleases. But it's his huge influence in the U.S. government that concerns us the most...

**And so the question is huge as well: Why are many of these radical groups receiving contributions from George Soros' OSF ALSO receiving U.S. government grants and U.S. taxpayer dollars to support activities like these?**

- Promoting an open U.S. border with Mexico and healthcare benefits and

voting rights for illegal aliens; and opposing all commonsense efforts to enforce our laws against illegal immigration, and

- Weakening safeguards designed to protect the integrity of our elections to make it easier for unqualified individuals (including non-U.S. citizens and felons) to vote in American elections.

**This is where U.S. taxpayer funds are flowing to domestic U.S. left-wing groups funded by George Soros...**

Judicial Watch investigators have unveiled how the following **Soros-funded groups** also receive support from American taxpayers in the form of government grants:

- 1) **Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ).** Its issue areas include immigrant advocacy, opposition to the citizenship question on the 2020 Census and voting rights. Earlier this year, AAAJ joined a lawsuit against the state of Texas by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund to prevent the state from investigating registered but potentially ineligible voters. **In addition to receiving \$650,000 in 2016 from the Open Society Foundations (OSF), AAAJ has received more than \$2.6 million in grants from the U.S. Government since 2008.**
- 2) **Casa de Maryland.** A radical state lobbying organization for amnesty and expanded rights for illegal aliens in Maryland. **OSF contributed \$370,000 to this group in 2017, while it also received more than \$5 million from various U.S. agencies since 2010.**
- 3) **The Leadership Conference.** This umbrella group of liberal advocacy groups is engaged in a variety of efforts, including fighting voter ID laws, the reinstatement of voting rights for convicted felons, and lobbying for automatic, same-day and online voter registration. Its president has described the group as the “strategic hub of the resistance against President Trump.” **It received \$3.3 million from the OSF in 2016 and 2017 and its Education Fund received a non-competitive \$2.9 million grant from the Department of Commerce in 2008.**
- 4) **National Fair Housing Alliance.** This liberal group describes itself as “the voice of fair housing.” **It received \$475,000 from the OSF in 2016 and nearly \$16 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development since 2008.**
- 5) **National Immigration Law Center.** This organization advocates for full access to government social welfare programs for illegal aliens. **It received \$625,000 from the OSF in 2016, and more than \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice since 2008.**
- 6) **New Venture Fund.** Another liberal umbrella group, it has been active in voter education, get out the vote mobilization efforts and “redistricting reform.” **It received more than \$2.3 million in grants from the Foundation to Promote Open Society (part of the OSF) in 2016 and 2017, and more than \$1.2 million from U.S government agencies since 2014.**

7) **Unidos US (formerly the National Council of La Raza)**. Still generally known as **La Raza**, it is one of the most radical and powerful Latino advocacy groups in the country, engaging in large-scale voter registration drives and advocating for a variety of open-borders positions. **It received \$400,000 from the OSF in 2016 and has received a staggering \$36.9 million since 2008 from five U.S. government agencies.**

**More facts we've learned about George Soros funding of the open-borders and the amnesty movement for illegal aliens...**

Through his **Open Society Foundations**, **Soros** has founded dozens of radical groups dedicated to effectively erasing America's borders and any legal distinctions between citizens and non-citizens in our country.

**A key component of these groups' strategy is to enact amnesty for illegal aliens, inevitably leading to illegal aliens voting in American elections.** Here is a partial list of open-border and pro-amnesty groups that his network of groups has funded:

**America's Voice** (pro-comprehensive immigration reform); **American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Policy** ("opposes laws that require employers and persons providing education, health care or other social services to verify citizenship or immigration status"); **American Immigration Council** (pro-amnesty); **American Immigration Law Foundation** (legal actions in support of amnesty); **Brennan Center for Justice** (legal actions, *pro bono* support to activists, media campaigns); **Casa de Maryland**; **Center for Constitutional Rights** (pro-open-borders); **National Council of La Raza**; **National Immigration Forum** (pro-amnesty for illegal aliens and more visas for individuals wishing to immigrate legally to the U.S.); **National Immigration Law Center**.

**Soros** and the organizations he funds are also major supporters of "**sanctuary**" policies in cities, counties and states across America. Most **sanctuary** policies undermine and violate federal immigration law by forbidding local police from cooperating with federal immigration authorities. (**Judicial Watch** is leading the charge against sanctuary policies and is scheduled to be in court in February 2020 in a historic challenge to **San Francisco's** particularly deadly sanctuary policy).

**This is what we know about George Soros funding groups that want to weaken ballot integrity and open voting in U.S. elections to ineligible voters...**

It is important for you to know that **Judicial Watch** is non-partisan and does not endorse or oppose candidates for public office. We have sued corrupt Republican and Democratic politicians (and there are plenty in both parties).

We firmly believe that our elections should be conducted honestly and free of corruption, and that only eligible voters should be allowed to cast votes. In that regard,

we are the national leader in forcing states to clean voter rolls between elections as required by federal law, and we've supported a number of state efforts to enact commonsense election integrity measures like Voter ID.

**George Soros** made national headlines in 2016 when it was revealed he was funding legal challenges across the country to state efforts to ensure honest elections.

**Soros and the organized Left** continue efforts to weaken ballot integrity. Under the guise of "protecting minority voting rights" and looking toward the 2020 elections, our investigators have learned that the Left is undertaking a massive legal effort to undermine and oppose commonsense election integrity laws...

**...and Soros-backed groups are deeply involved in this effort.** This is a partial list of "voting rights" groups that the **Open Society Foundations** has funded:

**The Advancement Project** (which advertises itself as "the next generation, multi-racial civil rights organization"); **Bend the Arc Jewish Action** (condemns voter ID laws as barriers that make it harder for minorities to vote); **Demos** (whose board is now chaired by the daughter of radical U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren); **Project Vote** (the voter-mobilization arm of the discredited ACORN organization, which also received Soros support); **Southern Coalition for Social Justice** (involved in several challenges to voter ID and redistricting legal challenges in the South).

Inflammatory rhetoric from **Soros-funded** groups like these and echoed by the liberal media and radical liberal politicians argue that commonsense ballot integrity measures like Voter ID and cleaning voter rolls somehow create "barriers" for minority voters.

We found these arguments to be baseless (as was proven in **North Carolina** recently, when minority voting increased after a Voter ID law was enacted) and are used to distract the public from the Left's objective...which is to make it easier for ineligible individuals (including felons and non-citizens) to vote, presumably for candidates supported by the Left.

**George Soros and the Left see weakening ballot integrity, along with amnesty, as keys to ensuring victories for leftist allies far into the future.**

And in a new area of activity for the Soros network it's reported that a **Soros** foundation gave \$1 million to an organization that favors electing the president and vice president by popular vote, **effectively abolishing the Electoral College**. The purported mission of the group, National Popular Vote Inc., is to ensure that "every vote counts."

But in fact, abolishing the **Electoral College** and electing the president and vice president by popular vote is just one more leftist assault on the U.S. Constitution that would **make it easier for non-citizens to vote in U.S. elections**. (Attempts to abolish the Electoral College are designed to weaken or eliminate existing legal safeguards for our elections and tilt the electoral playing field permanently in the Left's favor.)

You'll find enclosed with my letter a useful **FACT SHEET** detailing many of these leftist groups, including organizations like the **ACLU** and the **National Council of La Raza** who receive funding from the **Open Society Foundations and U.S. government**.

**But this is what we don't know...**

Are U.S. taxpayer dollars being improperly funneled to Soros-funded domestic groups with allied bureaucrats inside our federal government agencies? We already know from internal Soros' foundations memos that they are pursuing a concerted strategy of creating friendships inside key U.S. government agencies such as the Justice and State Departments.

- **But we also want to know if there are federal agencies (like the U.S. State Department) who are improperly steering U.S. taxpayer-funded government grants to Soros-favored and supported Leftist non-profits.** We already have government documents showing how the Soros operation helped the State Department review grant applications from other groups for taxpayer funding, but we think there's more to uncover.
- **We also want to know if Soros-funded groups are receiving U.S. taxpayer dollars** to support other elements of the Soros agenda like taxpayer-funded abortion on demand, a government-run health care system, transnational climate change agreements that compromise our sovereignty, and gun-control and other restrictions on Second Amendment rights.

These are important questions that the American people have a right to have answered...and that's why Judicial Watch is on the case! We firmly believe Americans should know whether or not their taxpayer dollars are being funneled to Soros domestic groups, just as we proved beyond a doubt happened overseas!

**We believe that George Soros is a very dangerous man whose activities should be brought to the attention of the American public.**

Commensurate with our mission to support the rule of law, **Judicial Watch** has long been a leader in fighting for enforcement of our nation's laws against illegal immigration; and proper enforcement of our nation's laws that protect election integrity.

Our ongoing investigative and legal actions in these two closely related areas frequently now bring us into direct contact with **Soros-funded** organizations, so we think we "know a thing or two" about the dangers he and his groups represent to our proud republic.

**Your Signature on the Honorary Co-Complainant/  
Member Affirmation Of Support**

**George Soros** has parlayed his immense wealth into becoming the biggest and most influential funder of left-wing causes in the United States and the world. His financial influence in our nation extends not only into a vast array of well-funded organizations but also into the **Democratic Party**, the **mainstream media** and to **senior public officeholders and federal government officials**.

**And it is the question of the day whether more officials in the U.S. government are improperly directing taxpayer dollars to Soros groups at home ...as we proved they did overseas that Judicial Watch is seeking to answer!**

But taking on **George Soros** is a monumental task...and in light of his transfer of **\$18 billion** dollars into his **Open Society Foundations**, our challenge is even greater.

And considering the enormous potential for Soros' efforts to leverage our tax dollars to advance his radical agenda at home and abroad, it is vital that an unassailable record of public support of our lawsuits and investigations into Soros' activities be established in all relevant twelve Federal Court Districts.

**That's why I am asking for your help today with a special tax-deductible contribution along with your signature on the enclosed Affirmation of Support/Honorary Co-Complainant form.**

As a non-profit organization, Judicial Watch relies on tax-deductible contributions from concerned and committed citizens like you to continue to be the most successful and effective independent government watchdog in the country.

And I believe that you, as an informed conservative, understand that the fight against government secrecy and corruption, and for government transparency, is constant...that Judicial Watch cannot afford to let up even briefly from our lawsuits and investigations, no matter who is in the White House or who controls Congress.

**Together, we can stand firm for the rule of law...**

Strong forces of corruption, influence and power...many of them funded by **George Soros**...are lined up against us, but we are determined to demonstrate to our government leaders and the courts that it is not just the attorneys and investigators of **Judicial Watch** who are in this fight, but behind us are law-abiding Americans like you!

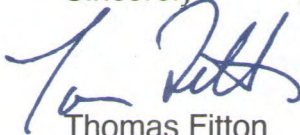
And the best way to help me do that is for you to:

- Sign the enclosed **AFFIRMATION OF PUBLIC SUPPORT /HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form to help us establish a record of support in the twelve federal court circuits for our investigations into the radical **George Soros** empire; and show your support of our current and future lawsuits to force the release of government documents the American people have a right to see;
- And please contribute at least \$35, \$50, \$100 or more to help sustain this ongoing undertaking and all of **Judicial Watch's** investigations and litigation that fight *for* the rule of law and the American people's right to know, and *against* public corruption.

So let me be clear about this: Your signed **AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form does not make you a party to, or bind you in any way to the outcome of our lawsuits. But your declaration of support for our work is important. This effort is non-partisan and focused exclusively on our support for the rule of law and educating the American people about the full extent of **George Soros** funding radical groups and how and whether these groups are being supported by **U.S. federal government agencies** and their influence on vital public policies.

So please sign your enclosed document and include your contribution to help sustain our work. Thank you for supporting **Judicial Watch!**

Sincerely



Thomas Fitton  
President

P.S. Judicial Watch is America's preeminent government watchdog group. Since 1994 we have used our nation's open-records laws, especially the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the courts to challenge government secrecy and expose and prosecute public corruption. Investigating the labyrinth finances of the groups backed by **George Soros**, now even more flush with cash after he transferred \$18 billion into his "charity," is both daunting and expensive. Your signed **AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** document is a powerful tool and so, too, is your most generous tax-deductible gift.

P.P.S. Our investigators also uncovered evidence that groups supported by **Soros' Open Society Foundations** are helping promote, organize and support the unprecedented flood of illegal aliens over our southern border, including the infamous "**migrant caravans**" from Central America. For your donation of \$50 or more I'll send you (while our supply lasts) a copy of our comprehensive report titled **The Financial and Staffing Nexus Between the Open Society Foundations and the United States Government** that rips the curtain off the **Soros** scheme to overwhelm our immigration system and sheds light on the "revolving personnel door" between the **Soros** network and **U.S. government**.



# THE VAST GEORGE SOROS NETWORK

## BACKGROUND

**George Soros** was born in Hungary and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1961. He made his fortune managing hedge funds and investments worldwide. In February 2017 *Forbes Magazine* estimated his net worth at \$25.2 billion, ranking him as the 19<sup>th</sup> wealthiest individual in the world.



Harald Dettenborn

George Soros created his **Open Society Foundations (OSF)** in 1979. According to the group's website, **OSF** has contributed **\$1.5 BILLION** to groups in the United States alone. DiscovertheNetworks.org has stated that the **OSF** has funded **199 organizations** in the United States, and an additional seven American groups have been funded indirectly by contributions from other Soros-funded groups. In late 2017, Soros transferred **\$18 BILLION**...the bulk of his personal wealth...to **OSF**. In one fell swoop, Soros' transfer to **OSF** made the group second only to the **Bill and Melinda Gates' Foundation** in the value of its U.S. assets.

## DIRECT U.S. POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AND FUNDING OF LEFT-WING CANDIDATES

**Soros'** direct political activity began during the 2004 campaign cycle. He contributed just over \$25 million to various liberal and Democratic Party groups working to defeat then President **George W. Bush's** reelection. Since then, **Soros** has continued to make large personal contributions to leftist candidates for national office, including **Barack Obama** and **Hillary Clinton**. (Judicial Watch does not support or oppose candidates for public office.)

Recently, new evidence of **Soros'** ongoing involvement in supporting left-wing candidates came to light. **Soros** personally donated \$408,000 to a Political Action Committee that supported Cook County, Illinois State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who made headlines when she dropped felony charges against actor Jussie Smollett, who was accused of fabricating a hate crime. Smollett claimed he was attacked in Chicago by two masked men who shouted racial and homophobic slurs, beat him, poured bleach on him and tied a rope around his neck. He blamed the attack on white Trump supporters. Smollett's entire story was a fabrication, apparently created by the actor in order to make headlines and increase his visibility as he negotiated his TV contract. When the hoax was uncovered, prosecutors charged him with 16 felonies... but Foxx dropped the charges.

**Soros** continues to contribute lavish sums to left-wing Democrats in races for justice-sensitive posts including prosecutors, state's attorneys and district attorneys in a growing number of states across the U.S.

## Where Does Other Soros Money Go?

Groups receiving funds from OSF are universally "progressive" in their philosophy. Some recipients cover the full range of radical and progressive causes, including:

- **The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU);**
- **The Brookings Institution;**
- **The Center for American Progress;**
- **Common Cause;**
- **Planned Parenthood.**

Other groups receiving financial support from the Soros network address specific issues. They include:

- **Anti-Israel (AI-Haq, Amnesty International, Arab American Institute Foundation, New Israel Fund);**
- **Anti-conservative judicial appointments (Alliance for Justice);**
- **Anti-educational choice (American Federation of Teachers);**
- **Pro-abortion rights (Catholics for Choice, Center for Reproductive Rights, National Women's Law Center);**
- **Radical and LGBT agenda (Human Rights Campaign)**

Soros' support also goes to groups involved in two issues that are extremely important to Judicial Watch: illegal immigration and honest elections. Here is a partial list of open-border and pro-amnesty groups that have received money from the OSF:

- **America's Voice** (pro-"comprehensive immigration reform");
- **American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Policy** ("opposes laws that require employers and persons providing education, health care or other social services to verify citizenship or immigration status");
- **American Immigration Council** (pro-amnesty);
- **American Immigration Law Foundation** (legal actions in support of amnesty);
- **Brennan Center for Justice** (legal actions, *pro bono* support to activists, media campaigns);
- **Casa de Maryland** (radical state lobbying organization for amnesty and expanded rights for illegal aliens living in Maryland);

- **Center for Constitutional Rights** (pro-open-borders);
- **National Immigration Forum** (pro-amnesty for illegal aliens and more visas for individuals wishing to immigrate legally to the U.S.);
- **National Immigration Law Center** (pro-full access to government social welfare programs for illegal aliens).
- **Unidos US** (formerly **National Council of La Raza**) (pro-amnesty and expanded rights for illegal aliens).

*Judicial Watch research has also identified **Casa de Maryland, National Immigration Law Center and Unidos US** as recipients of U.S. taxpayer dollars (through U.S. government grants).*

The following groups have received Soros funding and are reportedly active in promoting, organizing and supporting the “migrant caravans” from Central America which helped ignite the current unprecedented numbers of illegal aliens attempting to cross our border with Mexico.

- **Amnesty International**;
- **The Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC)** (the “largest network of nonprofit immigration legal services programs” in the country);
- **The American Constitution Society** (highly critical of Trump immigration policies);
- **Center for Legal Action in Human Rights** (active in OSF programs in Guatemala);
- **Church World Service** (compared Trump administration response to the migrant caravans to turning away Jewish refugees from Europe aboard the MS St. Louis in 1930);
- **Human Rights First** (actively opposes Trump administration immigration efforts);
- **The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights** (sued Trump administration over his immigration executive order and the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census form);
- **The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** (provided legal assistance to caravan migrants);

*Judicial Watch research has also identified **The Catholic Legal Immigration Network** as a recipient of U.S. taxpayer dollars through grants from three U.S. government agencies.*

Following is a partial list of Soros-funded groups determined to weaken ballot integrity, undermine election integrity laws and make it easier for illegal aliens to vote in American elections.

- **The Advancement Project** (which advertises itself as “the next generation, multi-racial civil rights organization);
- **Bend the Arc Jewish Action** (condemns voter ID laws as barriers that make it harder for minorities to vote);
- **Demos** (whose board is now chaired by the daughter of radical U.S. Senator and Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren);
- **Project Vote** (the voter-mobilization arm of the discredited ACORN organization, which also received Soros support);
- **Southern Coalition for Social Justice** (involved in several challenges to voter ID and redistricting legal challenges in the South).

**The Revolving Personnel Door between the Soros Network and the U.S. Government.** The influence of **George Soros** upon U.S. government policy, especially during the Obama years, is not due exclusively to his massive financial contributions to liberal advocacy groups, left-wing candidates and the Democratic Party. His world-view is also shared by scores of liberal activists who at one time or another have worked in the Soros network (most frequently at the **Open Society Foundations**) and in policy-making positions within the U.S. government...including positions in the Obama White House, the Justice Department, the State Department, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). **Judicial Watch** has identified 21 individuals who have been through this “revolving door” between the Soros network and the U.S. government, and we believe that we have just begun to scratch the surface.

At the same time, we have identified millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars going, in the form of U.S. government grants, to groups led by OSF board members and others with connections to the Soros network. (You can review profiles of these individuals and review some of the OSF-related grants we have uncovered in “**The Financial and Staffing Nexus Between the Open Society Foundations and the United States Government**,” a **Judicial Watch Special Report** that we would like to send to you in appreciation for your tax-deductible contribution of \$50 or more.)

## Conclusion

The Soros network clearly dwarfs both national political parties in its financial resources. Its impact on American public policies (both foreign and domestic) is only now beginning to be understood...thanks in large part to **Judicial Watch’s** research, investigations and litigation. There is much more to be learned about the influence of the Soros network, and especially when U.S. taxpayer dollars are awarded to groups within the Soros network, therefore using public taxpayer funds to advance George Soros’ radical left agenda.

**Judicial Watch is suitably positioned and uniquely qualified to successfully investigate and litigate this nexus of taxpayer financing of left-wing activism.**