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Gov't Data: Politico Took \$34M From Taxpayers; NYT Got Tens of Millions More

Politico and *The New York Times* might be sweating about President Donald Trump's dismantling the U.S. Agency for International Development and reforming other government agencies for a reason.

Both publications have collected millions from U.S. taxpayers.

Federal agencies pumped almost \$35 million into *Politico*. Other government agencies are subsidizing the *Times*. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) alone put almost \$30 million into the deep pockets of the *Times*.



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Taxpayers have also wasted money on *The Washington Post* and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

The details on that are [pic.twitter.com/SIkHJAMZ7j](#)

— Lisa Alexander (@LisaLAlexander_) [February 5, 2025](#)

Millions for Left-wing Propaganda?

Trump's defunding USAID with the help of Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency has particularly exercised *Politico*. Two articles provide an example.

The website fretted that the "The move affects thousands of people and is the latest blow the administration is striking against the agency, which is America's primary vehicle for providing humanitarian aid."

The aid isn't really "humanitarian," particularly the "aid" used to provoke riots against Ukraine's democratically elected but neutral government in 2014, as incoming HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. [has said](#).

The agency is widely believed to be a CIA front.

That said, *Politico's* magazine [offered this quote](#) in a headline from an hysterical former USAID director for President George W. Bush: "What Elon Musk Said Is a Bold-Faced Lie"

That came from Andrew Natsios, who "calls such moves 'illegal' and 'outrageous,'" *Politico* reported:

What Musk and Rubio are doing "is criminal. They can't abolish the aid program without a vote of Congress."



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[The New York Times scurried](#) off to the usual globalists for whom American tax money is no object:

“News of U.S.A.I.D.’s dismantlement will be celebrated by dictators around the world and lamented by democrats around the world,” said Thomas Carothers, a former State Department official who leads the democracy, conflict and government program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

We put a stop to this madness by putting America first. pic.twitter.com/klh3526AVn

— House Foreign Affairs Committee Majority (@HouseForeignGOP) [February 4, 2025](#)

Understandably, the thousands of USAID employees who’ve never had a real job are seething about the waste, fraud, and abuse that has been publicized during the last few days, including these items [revealed by](#) the GOP-controlled U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee.

From USAID:

- \$15 million for condoms to the Taliban;
- \$3,315,446 for “being LGBTQ in the Caribbean”;
- \$2.5 million to build electric vehicle charging stations in Vietnam’s largest cities;
- \$1.5 million to promote job opportunities for LGBTQ individuals in Serbia; and,
- \$425,622 to help Indonesian coffee companies become more climate and gender friendly.

From the State Department:

- \$14 million in cash vouchers for migrants at the southern border;
- \$3.2 million to help Tunisian migrants readjust to life in Tunisia after deportation;
- \$1 million to boost French-speaking LGBTQ groups in West and Central Africa;
- \$446,700 to promote the expansion of atheism in Nepal;
- \$80,000 for an LGBTQ community center in Bratislava, Slovakia;
- \$70,884 to create a U.S.-Irish musical to promote DEI in Ireland;
- \$55,750 for a climate change presentation warning about the impact of climate change in Argentina to be led by female and LGBT journalists;
- \$47,020 for a transgender opera in Colombia;
- \$39,652 to host seminars at the Edinburgh International Book Festival on gender identity and racial equality;
- \$32,000 for an LGBTQ-centered comic book in Peru;
- \$20,600 for a drag show in Ecuador;
- \$16,500 to foster a “united and equal queer-feminist discourse in Albanian society”;
- \$10,000 to pressure Lithuanian corporations to promote “DEI values”;



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- \$8,000 to promote DEI among LGBTQ groups in Cyprus; and,
- \$7,071.58 for a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) speaker series in Canada.

Total thrown away on far-left pet projects: \$41.8 million.

It appears government bureaucrats and diplomats are particularly obsessed with promoting sexual perversion.

Politico, Times Cash In

It turns out that estimates on social media of *Politico's* haul underestimated it.

Yes, it fleeced the taxpayers for \$8.4 million last year, and is slated for another \$1.5 million this year. But a closer look at the data available at USASpending.gov showed that *Politico* stuck its nose in the federal trough in 2016 and has been gorging itself ever since.

Total: \$34.3 million.

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Total Awarded Amount

\$34.3 Million

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Agencies across the government subsidized the publication. The Food and Drug Administration's voracious readers sent *Politico* almost \$520,000 for subscriptions.

Perhaps more surprising is the *Times*.

The US Government gave the New York Times tens of millions of dollars over just the past 5 years despite paying relatively little money to the NYT in the years preceding 2021. For instance, in August 2024, the US government awarded \$4.1 million to the NYT.

The bulk of the funds... pic.twitter.com/XWvv3CplI8

— Ian Miles Cheong (@stillgray) [February 5, 2025](#)

The newspaper that prides itself on its journalism ethics had zero qualms about collecting tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. It collected \$46 million from HHS and the National Science Foundation alone.



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Prime Award Results

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FA860422PB032	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$144,000.00	--
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11316022P0010OAS	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$111,285.20	\$75,545.60
W911SD22P0121	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$109,626.40	--
2032H318P00020	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$97,932.36	\$42,671.86
20343021P00015	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$90,101.20	\$69,114.00
TFSACFP140035	NEW YORK TIMES CO	\$80,345.92	--
DJMS1048M0039	NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY, THE	\$71,232.00	--
W911SD20P0176	NEW YORK TIMES EDUCATION DEPT, THE	\$71,091.54	--

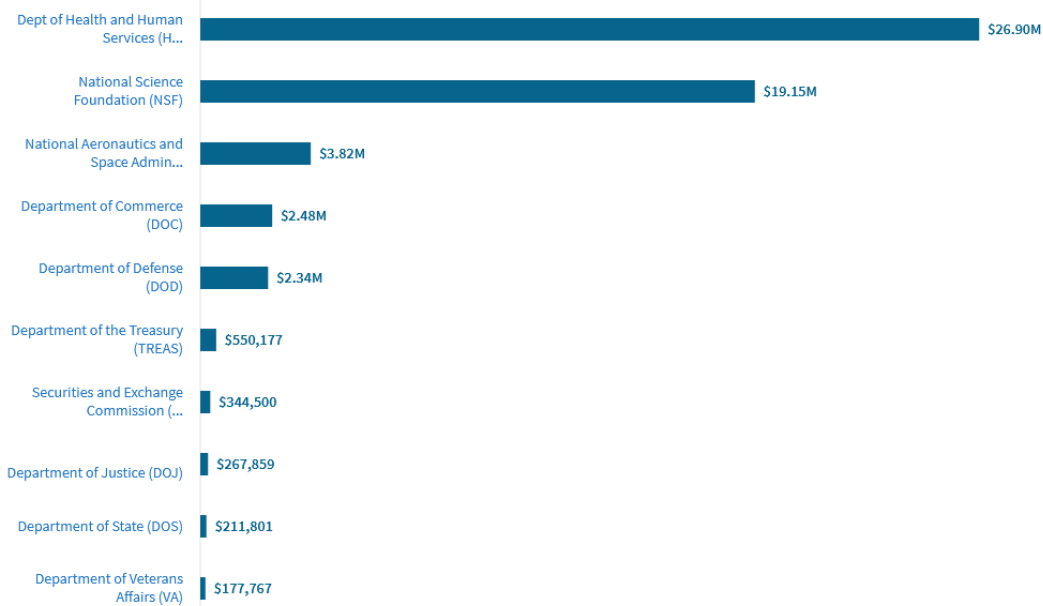
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The far-left [BBC received](#) \$2.2 million between 2008 and 2011, while [The Washington Post collected](#) almost \$35,000 from 2008 through 2013.



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