

writes campaign checks by its affiliates to candidates, and the three people who headlined this, on the top of the list, CHARLES SCHUMER, Senator; Representative LUIS GUTIERREZ; and Representative MAXINE WATERS, all tightly affiliated with ACORN, none of whom are very interested in investigating ACORN.

And if we go down through the list, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Interesting. A number of interesting names. John Podesta, Henry Cisneros of the Clinton administration, recognized and patted on the back for their affiliation with ACORN.

It is a sad day, indeed, when we see the corruption of our election politics, Mr. Speaker, and we see it done by an organization that is set up now with 361 affiliates. And, strangely, the Congress doesn't have enough curiosity in order to do an investigation, and the Justice Department doesn't have enough curiosity to do an investigation, and ACORN themselves admit that they produced over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations in the last election cycle.

Their goal was to register, they said, I believe, 1.3 million, and they admitted to producing and turning in over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations. ACORN is under investigation in 12 to 14 States. Across those States, there have been at least 70 ACORN employees that have been convicted of some type of fraudulent activity. Most of it is voter registration fraud. ACORN itself in Nevada is under investigation/indictment for election fraud.

This isn't something that is an anomaly; this is a pattern. This is the MO, the mode of operations, of a criminal enterprise that is corrupting our election process. And we know it's for political gain. We know it's for the money machine that gets churned. They are linked together with the SEIU. I read that part.

There is more to that as well. Those dollars pour into the coffers of Democrat candidates, not Republican candidates. ACORN then hires people and gets volunteers to go to the streets to turn out the vote, turn out the vote for Democrats, not for Republicans. I don't know of a case where we have ACORN out supporting a Republican unless it would be—let me just say for tonight I don't know of a case, although I've got something in mind.

This is the headquarters, ACORN's headquarters, 2609 Canal Street, an Obama sign in the window, an ACORN sign on the outside.

President Obama got his start in politics, in Chicago-style politics, with Project Vote, an arm of ACORN, that was registering people and turning out the vote. And he has since hired ACORN to turn out the vote. It was an ACORN affiliate to the tune of \$800,000. And that fungible money, some of it was commingled into the same accounts and distributed out as if it's their own personal slush fund, Rathke's own personal slush fund, to build power in a power-based width.

We have also the White House having reached out and signed an agreement with ACORN to help with the consensus.

Now, any organization that can produce 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations can't be trusted to count the American people, not when there is political gain involved. This can be done without ACORN.

There has since been a statement issued by the Census Bureau that they were not going to use ACORN. I have to see that to believe it. Are they not going to use any one of the 361 affiliates that are listed in this Government Reform report? I think it's going to be hard to see, no, they aren't. Are they not going to use any of the employees that work for them, Mr. Speaker?

So let's not forget President Obama has been tied to ACORN since the first days of his political life in Chicago. He has worked for them; they have worked for him. He has hired them with campaign money, and they have contributed campaign money to him. President Obama is part and parcel ACORN.

When the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JOHN CONYERS, took interest in investigating ACORN and made such remarks in a Judiciary Committee meeting a couple of months ago, I was given heart that perhaps we would start to investigate ACORN. But 3 weeks later, the chairman came back in a public statement and he said the powers that be decided that there isn't enough evidence there to investigate ACORN.

Now, who would the powers that be be that are more powerful than the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee? Would it be Speaker PELOSI or President Obama?

Mr. Speaker, I am not convinced that it's necessarily Speaker PELOSI. But I point this image out. This is the cover of National Review magazine from March 23, 2009, this year. They put this image out here, Mr. Speaker, and I have just removed the letters so that it doesn't blur the image. It just says National Review on top, the date on the bottom, and whatever their headline story was. I take note to the logo on the shirt pocket of the polo shirt. That says it all, I think, Mr. Speaker.

This is what we have going: we have a criminal enterprise that is being hired by the White House to help run the census that helped put the President in the White House, a massive organization that reaches into 43 States and the District of Columbia, that has engaged in a number that approaches a million dollars in embezzlement and covered it up for 8 years, 400,000 fraudulent voter registration forms, Federal tax violations, and violations of not-for-profit conditions on 501(c)(3) corporations that are being used for partisan purposes.

And, Mr. Speaker, we have the image, we have the logo, and we have the national headquarters here at 2609 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, with the Obama sign in the window and the ACORN flag out on that side.

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Mr. Speaker, we have to investigate this organization. We have to bring the Judiciary Committee to bear and the Government Reform Committee to bear. We need the Justice Department to drill into this. No one single entity can unravel this spider web of 361 corporations. It must happen, or it will corrode and destroy this great constitutional Republic, the United States of America.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. LEE of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCCOTTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MACK, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, July 29 and 30.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 30 and 31.

Mr. BOOZMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. BACHMANN, for 5 minutes, today, July 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LUJAN, for 5 minutes, today.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. LYNCH (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of travel delays due to weather.

Mr. CRENSHAW (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family medical issue.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2245. An act to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing