

Linda McMahon

Red Flags

According To Open Secrets, Linda McMahon Has Donated To Mayor Rahm Emanuel (D), Our Common Values PAC (D), State Rep. Kevin Murray (D), State Senator Mark Warner (D), Rep. Tom Allen (D), And Stephanie Hunter Sanchez (D). ([Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 11/17/16)

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- **WWE Wrestlers Admitted Under Oath That Vince McMahon's Secretary Placed Steroid Orders For Him.** (Pat Milton, "Hulkamania Take Your Vitamins, Shoot Your Steroids," *The Associated Press*, 7/14/94)
- **As Far Back As 1993, Linda McMahon Pledged Steroid Users "Won't Be Working For Us."** (Jackie Fitzpatrick, "The Lady And The Champs," *The New York Times*, 6/5/93)

In 1993, Vince McMahon Was Indicted On Conspiracy To Distribute Steroids And Illegal Possession Of Steroids With Intent To Distribute. ("Sports News," *The Associated Press*, 11/18/93)

In 2004 USA Today Reported That 65 Wrestlers Had Died In The Previous Seven Years, Including 25 From Heart Attacks And Other Coronary Problems. (Jon Swartz, "Behind Fun Facade, Professional Wrestling Sees 65 Deaths In 7 Years," *USA Today*, 3/12/04)

WWE Wrestlers Were Classified As Independent Contractors And Have Claimed To Have Been Denied Benefits. (“Wrestlers Claim They Are Employees, Not Independent Contractors In Suit Against WWE,” [Connecticut Employment Law Blog](#), 8/25/08)

BACKGROUND

Personal Information

Linda McMahon

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Education

East Carolina University

Greenville, NC ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/17/16)

Work Experience

2015-Present: Women’s Leadership LIVE Co-Founder And Chief Executive

1974-2009: WWE Co-Founder AND CEO ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 11/17/16)

QUESTIONS FOR LINDA MCMAHON

Political Vulnerabilities

Criticism of WWE as Anti-Worker

Background: McMahon is the co-founder of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). WWE’s business model is to classify their primary employees (wrestlers) as “independent contractors.” Critics have suggested this is so WWE employees cannot form unions. Former WWE employees have claimed to have been fired for attempting to form a union.

- **Should you take a public position in the administration, do you believe your portrayal to American workers would be negative given the criticism the WWE has received?**
- **How could your experience managing thousands of employees translate to balanced policies that benefit both business and the American worker?**

WWE/WWF and Steroid Use

Background: McMahon’s organizations have always claimed to be a “steroid-free” environment, however the murder suicide of a McMahon employee raised questions about the impact of violence and steroid use on wrestlers’ brains. McMahon has also been implicated in a steroid distribution and conspiracy case against the WWE, in which McMahon was accused of having a WWE affiliated doctor destroy certain medical records.

- **Is there anything the President-elect’s team needs to know involving steroid use and employees of your organization?**
- **Should you join the administration, is there a chance additional negative public relations surrounding steroid use and the WWE could surface?**

WWE Taxpayer Subsidies

Background: McMahon took nearly \$3 million in taxpayer subsidies as CEO of the WWE. The success of the WWE has made the McMahon family considerably wealthy.

- **Given the President-elect's desire to "put the American worker first," do you believe the WWE's use of taxpayer subsidies would create negative public relations turbulence should you join the administration?**
- **Are there any other instances of the WWE's use of government benefits that the President-elect's team should know about?**

WWE's Alleged Culture of Sexual Abuse

Background: McMahon's WWE has faced numerous complaints of sexual abuse. Lawsuits against the WWE from sexual assault accusers range from the early 1990s through the 2000s.

- **Is there anything the President-elect's team should know regarding issues of sexual assault at your former organization?**
- **Is it possible current or former employees of the WWE could elevate new sexual assault accusations from their tenure at your company if you were to receive a prominent public position?**

Criticisms of Certain WWE's Entertainment Segments

Background: McMahon's WWE has been criticized at various times over the years for what is deemed as crude or inappropriate displays of entertainment. Acts have ranged from portraying African Americans as 'pimps,' Arab-Americans as 'terrorists,' and portraying wrestlers as 'mentally handicap.'

- **Do you believe certain acts or entertainment segments from the WWE's history could lead to public relations turbulence should you join the administration?**

Policy Questions

General Small Business Administration Policy

- **How would you view the performance of the Small Business Administration under the Obama administration?**
- **Do you believe more tax payer money should be invested in programs that provide loans and advantages to small businesses?**
- **How do you view the current climate for small business creation in the U.S.?**
 - **What would you prioritize if you were to advise the President-elect on improving the small business climate?**
- **Are there any current SBA incentive programs or protections that you feel should be reformed or removed?**

COMMENTS ON TRUMP-PENCE

Trump

In March 2016, McMahon Said Some Of Trump's Comments About Women Were "Deplorable" And "Objectionable." "In addition to her disdain for the current state of the GOP race, McMahon whose Women's Leadership Live initiative aims to help further women in business took particular offense at Trump's continual disparaging comments toward women. "Those [comments] were just over the top;

they were deplorable, objectionable absolutely,' McMahon said. 'He's not helping, certainly, to put women in the best light. Maybe he regrets them, maybe he doesn't. I realize he punches hard when he punches back, but that's just over the top. I wish that no candidate would make those comments.'" (Anthony Sull a Heffinger, "Former WWE CEO Linda McMahon Slams 'Deplorable' GOP Campaign Rhetoric, Dishes On Trump Candidacy," [Yahoo! News](#) 3/29/16)

In April 2016, McMahon Said Trump "Would Make A Very Good President." FORMER WWE CEO LINDA MCMAHON: "Oh, I definitely do. And I've - I've known Donald for over 20 years. And when I've been asked before, I've said, look, let me tell you what I know about him personally. I said he's loyal. I said he absolutely is a good businessman. He hires smart people around him. He's - he is very patriotic. He's a good - he's a good man. And very accomplished. And I think he would make a very good president." (CNN s "[CNN Newsroom](#)," 4/27/16)

McMahon Has Known Trump "For 30 Years." "McMahon has known the GOP presidential nominee, Donald Trump, for 30 years. Trump famously shaved Vince McMahon's head in 2007 during a WWE match titled 'Battle of the Billionaires.'" (Susan Haigh, "Former WWE Wrestling Executive Becoming GOP Mega Donor," [The Associated Press](#), 9/25/16)

McMahon Has Said Trump Was "A Great Partner" To WWE, "A Wonderful Promoter," "Very Loyal," And "A Patriot." "McMahon's WWE has a longstanding relationship with Trump - he's a member of the company's hall of fame - that dates back decades to when he hosted a company event in Atlantic City. 'He was such a great partner. He was a wonderful promoter,' McMahon said. 'He really greased the wheels and made things work very easy. He's very loyal; he's a patriot. ... [He] really did exactly what he said he was going to do.'" (Anthony Sull a Heffinger, "Former WWE CEO Linda McMahon Slams 'Deplorable' GOP Campaign Rhetoric, Dishes On Trump Candidacy," [Yahoo! News](#) 3/29/16)

McMahon And Her Husband Vince "Contributed A Total Of \$5 Million To Trump's [Charitable] Foundation In 2007." "McMahon and her husband contributed a total of \$5 million to Trump's foundation in 2007, a donation McMahon said she did 'not remember how it came about.' She said she has no misgivings about making the contribution, ultimately the largest to Trump's foundation." (Susan Haigh, "Former WWE Wrestling Executive Becoming GOP Mega Donor," [The Associated Press](#), 9/25/16)

Pence

In July 2016, McMahon Tweeted Congratulations To Gov. Pence On His Selection As Donald Trump's Running Mate. "Happy to join #GOP in welcoming Mike Pence as our VP nominee. I look forward to working w/ him to build our party & broaden our 'big tent.'" (Linda McMahon, [Twitter Feed](#) 7/16/16)



GENERAL CONTROVERSY

Late Property Taxes

In 2012, The Hartford Courant Discovered That Linda McMahon Paid Property Taxes Late. “For the second time in less than a week, a review of municipal records by The Courant shows that McMahon also failed to pay her property taxes on time. She paid the property taxes on her Greenwich home late four times since 1984 and was assessed close to \$2,000 in interest and penalties. This comes a few days after news that McMahon was six weeks late this month paying taxes on a Stamford condo she owns with her husband Vince.” (Daniela Altamari, “McMahon Was Late With More Property Tax Bills,” *Hartford Courant*, 9/25/12)

Taxpayer Subsidies For WWE

McMahon’s Campaign Advertising For Her 2010 Race Claimed She Built Her Business “Without The Help Of Government” And Has Attacked “Government Bailouts.” “The economic incentives awarded to WWE could prove politically touchy to McMahon, who in her campaign rhetoric has taken an especially hard line against government ‘bailouts.’ She also has made much of her experience in building a business ‘without the help of big government.’ Similarly, McMahon in her first televised political commercial trumpeted her ‘hard work and perseverance,’ saying, ‘It wasn’t always easy, but we grew it into a publicly traded company that’s creating jobs here in Connecticut today.’” (Don Michak, “McMahon’s Company Got Millions In State Tax Credits Weeks Before She Entered Senate Race,” *Manchester Journal Inquirer*, 10/29/09)

- **But Linda McMahon Took Nearly \$3 Million In Taxpayer Subsidies As CEO Of The WWE.** “World Wrestling Entertainment Inc., the professional wrestling empire formerly led by Republican U.S. Senate hopeful Linda E. McMahon, has collected nearly \$3 million in state tax credits, most of which were issued just eight weeks before McMahon resigned last month to run for office, state records show. Moreover, a top official at the agency that administers the state’s digital and media tax-credit program says it’s poised to hand out more of the controversial subsidies to the company, which McMahon and her husband still control and where the candidate continues to serve on the board of directors.” (Don Michak, “McMahon’s Company Got Millions In State Tax Credits Weeks Before She Entered Senate Race,” *Manchester Journal Inquirer*, 10/29/09)

McMahon’s WWE Has Faced Numerous Complaints Of Sexual Abuse

In 1999, Female Wrestling Star “Sable” Sued What Was Then The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) For Sexual Harassment. “World Wrestling Federation female wrestling star Sable filed a \$110 million lawsuit in a Connecticut federal court last Thursday, alleging sexual harassment, unsafe work conditions and steroid abuse in the WWF. Sable, who’s real name is Rena Mero, alleges that WWF instructed her to expose her breasts and someone smeared feces on her personal belongings, according to a TV Guide interview. She also says male wrestlers punched holes into the walls between the men’s and women’s dressing rooms to view female wrestlers. Ms. Mero said she didn’t see WWF wrestlers using steroids, but she speculates that “a lot of the tempers that rage during the matches can be attributed to ‘roid rage,’ “ according to TV Guide. She’s asked to be released from her contract and be able to retain the rights and profits from future merchandising of the name Sable.” (“WWF Wrestling Star Sable Files Suit” *Electronic Media*, 6/7/99)



WWF Ring Boy Tom Cole Said He Was Harassed By Several WWF Employees. “Tom Cole, now 20, started working for the WWF in 1985 as ring boy, a gofer, in Yonkers, N.Y., when he was 13 years old. Cole said that while on tour with the wrestling show, a WWF employee would film Cole with a video camera while fondling the boy’s feet and masturbating. ‘He had a foot fetish,’ Cole said. ‘He would play with all the young boys’ feet for hours at a time.’ ... Cole said he was harassed by several WWF employees. He said he was grabbed in the genitals numerous times by another top WWF official, but never said anything because he was scared. Cole said the sexual harassment continued unabated until he was fired in February 1990 after rebuffing an advance by still another WWF official. In that incident, Cole said, he was driven to the WWF official’s house, where he was asked to smoke marijuana, snort cocaine and have homosexual sex. When Cole rejected his advances, the official refused to take him home, Cole said. So Cole slept in the WWF official’s van in the driveway. The next day Cole was fired.” (Jeff Savage, “Sleaze No Illusion In World Of Wrestling,” *The San Diego Union Tribune*, 3/11/92)

- **NOTE: Cole Later Filed Suit Against WWF Employees Mel Phillips, Pat Patterson, And Terry Garvin.** (Thomas Cole Vs. World Wrestling Federation, Mel Phillips, Pat Patterson, And Terry Garvin, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut (New Haven), Filed 6/30/94)

Former WWF Television Announcer Murray Hodgson Filed A Lawsuit In 1991 Alleging His Termination Was A Result Of Rejecting A Sexual Advance By WWF VP Pat Patterson. “Murray Hodgson, a former WWF television announcer who was fired in August 1991, filed a lawsuit last month in Connecticut, alleging that his termination was a result of his rejecting a sexual advance by a WWF vice president. According to documents on file in Connecticut and Hodgson’s attorney, Edward Nusbaum, WWF Vice President Pat Patterson sought a homosexual encounter with Hodgson last July. ‘(Hodgson) was approached by an openly homosexual vice president of the (WWF) who was seeking a homosexual encounter,’ the documents state.” (Jeff Savage, “Sleaze No Illusion In World Of Wrestling,” *The San Diego Union Tribune*, 3/11/92)

- **“[Pat Patterson] Was A Staple Of The McMahon Family’s Greenwich-Boca Social Axis And A Constant Presence At [Vince McMahon’s] Side.”** (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 112)
- **NOTE: Patterson Resigned After Sexual Abuse Story.** “Faced with the [sexual] scandal, Senior Vice President of Wrestling Operations Pat Patterson and Vice President of Wrestling Operations Terry Garvin resigned March 2. Ring announcer Mel Phillips has also resigned.” (“Vince Don t Count Out WWF,” *The Boston Herald*, 3/15/92)

On CNN’s Larry King Live, Ex-Wrestler Barry Orton Claimed That WWF Wrestler Terry Garvin Accosted Him When He Was Just 19 Years Old. “The outlines of Cole’s allegations appeared at the bottom of a lengthy story that carried [Jeff] Savages byline in the March 11, 1992, edition of the San Diego News Tribune. Two days later, Vince was on CNN’s Larry King Live, rebutting it. ... [King] switched to a guest on the phone – a former WWF wrestler named Barry Orton who claimed that Garvin also accosted him in Texas in 1978, when he was just nineteen.” (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 114)

“[Superstar Billy] Graham And Wrestler Billy Jack Haynes Said Sexual Harassment By WWF Administrators Had Become ‘Openly Ridiculous’ By The Mid-1980s.” (Jeff Savage, “Sleaze No Illusion In World Of Wrestling,” *San Diego Union Tribune*, 3/11/92)

- **Graham: “I Would Watch These WWF Men Walk Into Locker Rooms And Grab Wrestlers On The Buttocks...It Was Sexual Squeeze, A Fondling, A Sexual Advance...The Wrestlers Don’t Like It, But What Can They Do? They Put Up With It Or Get Demoted.”** (Jeff Savage, “Sleaze No Illusion In World Of Wrestling,” *San Diego Union Tribune*, 3/11/92)
- **“Wrestlers Tell Of Several WWF Executives Making Advances Toward Wrestlers, Offering Pay Raises And Career Advancement In Exchange For Homosexual Favors. ‘I Got Sick Of Having To Rebuff Them,’ Said Barry Orton, A Wrestler Who Left The WWF Last Year After A 14-Year Career.”** (Jeff Savage, “Sleaze No Illusion In World Of Wrestling,” *San Diego Union Tribune*, 3/11/92)

During The 2002 Sexual Harassment Trial Of Former Wrestler Nicole Bass, Linda McMahon “Sat At The Defense Table Twirling Her Thumbs.” “Bodybuilder Nicole Bass pumped up a sexual harassment lawsuit against World Wrestling Entertainment because she couldn’t cut it in the ring, a WWE lawyer charged yesterday. Dressed demurely in a black jacket and below-the-knee skirt, Bass listened impassively as WWE lawyer Jerry McDevitt trashed her as a no-talent. After taking a pounding from defense lawyers in Brooklyn Federal Court, Bass bolted from the courtroom with a terse, “No comment.” The 6-foot-2 and 230-pound Bass was hired by WWE to play the role of a bodyguard to Sable, a WWE superstar female wrestler, McDevitt told jurors in his opening statement. ... According to her complaint, Bass alleges she was assaulted, sexually harassed, humiliated and demeaned during her five-month stint with the WWE. ... During the opening statements, Linda McMahon, CEO of the WWE, formerly known as the World Wrestling Federation, sat at the defense table twirling her thumbs.” (John Marxulli, “WWE It’s Just Sour Grapples,” *New York Daily News*, 9/18/02)

McMahon Had A Role In Tipping A Steroid Doctor Off To A Federal Investigation And Removing Records

The McMahons Had A Top Aide Call A Doctor Being Investigated By Federal Authorities For Steroid Distribution From A Pay Phone So It Couldn’t Be Recorded And Tell Him To Remove All His Records Out Of His Office. “Thanks to a tip that had been received by the McMahons from a closely guarded source, [Dr. George] Zahorian now knew the feds were snooping around in his affairs. In fact, the McMahons had told one of their top aides to call him from a pay phone so they wouldn’t be recorded, and tell him to move all the records he kept on wrestlers out of his office fast.” (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 88)

During Vince McMahon’s Steroid Distribution And Conspiracy Trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean O’Shea Produced A Memo From Linda McMahon To WWF Employee Warning Him That The Justice Department Might Be Investigating A WWF Affiliated Doctor And They Should Sever Ties With Him. “[O’Shea] produced a 1989 memo from Linda McMahon to [Pat] Patterson in which she warned that the Justice Department might be onto [Dr. Zahorian] and that they should cut their links with him fast.” (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 125)

- **“Pat Patterson Was Central To The Prosecution’s Conspiracy Theory. He Was The Hatchet Man Who Cut Zahorian Loose On Orders From Linda, Having Been Told To Instruct The Doctor To Destroy All His Records Of Steroid Shipments To Wrestlers.”** (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 112)

Homophobia In WWE

A Wrestler Savagely Beat Another Wrestler Who Was Dressed In Drag In 2004; Shouting “He’s A Faggot” Then there was Tyson Tomko’s match against Steven Richards at Unforgiven 2004. Richards, dressed in drag, was savagely beaten on pay-per-view while Tomko screamed out ‘He’s a faggot’ as loud as can be. Tyson wanted to make that point clear just in case anyone doubted that they were actually witnessing a hate crime.” (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 176)

Goldust Was An Androgynous Character Who Wore Makeup And Beat Rivals With Homoerotic Advances. “Of all the things WWF did, nothing struck [USA network’s Wayne] Becker as more darkly confusing than an androgynous character named Goldust. As played by Dustin Runnels...Goldust was a giant wink to the gay community, though it was hard to imagine many found it all that fun to watch him beat rivals with the kinds of homoerotic advances that sent them out of the ring screaming. Dustin spent hours in makeup, streaking his long and puffy face with golden paint and black lipstick, then framing it with a platinum blond wig...” (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 149)

Wrestler Roddy Piper Attacked Goldust With A Baseball Bat At Wrestlemania XII. “In a pretaped vignette at a nearby lot [for Wrestlemania XII in 1996], [Roddy] Piper waited for Goldust in a white Bronco, clutching a baseball bat. When Dustin, made up as Goldust, arrived...Piper cut him off with his

Bronoc, leaped out of the car, and started madly smashing the Cadillac's windows. As glass shattered everywhere, Dustin ran for cover and then Piper hunted him down." (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 151)

- **"In Any Other Context, It Would Have Been Called A Hate Crime."** (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 151)

An Arab-American Tag Team Endured Racial Slurs And Were Involved In Segments That Mirrored Terrorist-Like Activities

Two Arab American Wrestlers Debuted In 2004 And Were Characterized As Angry For Being Prejudged And Wanted To Make America Pay. "Muhammed Hassan and Khrosow Sivari were introduced to Raw fans in 2004. The duo, billed as Arab-Americans from Detroit, were not terrorists. ... What was their gimmick? They were so upset about being prejudged by Americans because of their nationality, that they have decided to make America pay." (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 78)

- **WWE Insisted The Characterization Was "Sophisticated," Despite Showing Racists Signs During Events.** "WWE insisted that this characterization was 'sophisticated.' ... Many of the WWE fans understood the 'sophisticated' nature of these characters and acted accordingly. They held up signs that read '7-Eleven is hiring' and 'I lent Daivari my Carpet.' Oh, and World Wrestling Entertainment showed those signs on TV." (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 78)

When The Two Arab Wrestlers Joined Steve Austin For A June 2005 In-Ring Showdown, Austin Said, "I See Sand People." (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 78)

The Night Of The London Terrorist Bombings In 2005, WWE Aired A Segment Where One Arab Wrestler Led A Group Of Black Hooded Wrestlers To The Ring And Then Carried Off Another Wrestler "Like A Martyr." In July of 2005, both Muhammad and Daivari were members of Smackdown. They taped a segment that depicted the two of them leading a group of thugs, complete with black hoods, into the ring, to beat up The Undertaker...Muhammad stood tall while the hooded assassins, obviously based on all those bad guys from the beheading videos, bowed to him. They finished the segment with the evil group carrying the beaten Khrosow from the ring. The announcers pointed out that they were carrying him away 'like a martyr.' ... [T]he segment was taped on Tuesday, July 5, and set to air on that Thursday. When Thursday morning rolled around...London's subway sytem was hit by a terrorist attack. [The segment still] aired that night...the night of the London bombings. (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 79)

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WWE Featured Black Wrestlers Who Were Portrayed Stereotypically As Pimps And Criminals

In 2009, The WWE Featured An African-American Tag Team Called “Cryme Tyme.” “No negative ethnic or racial stereotype escapes WWE (née WWF) storylines. The WWE currently has an African-American tag team: ‘Cryme Tyme.’” (Phil Mushnick, Op Ed, “WWE Preys With Rev. Al,” [New York Post](#), 9/28/09)

Wrestling Character “The Godfather” Was A Pimp Who Was Dressed In “A Feathery Red Pimp Coat” And Followed Around By A “Ho Train” As He Rapped “Pimpin’ Ain’t Easy.” “[At WrestleMania 2000] the Godfather and his Ho Train were led out by Ice T, dressed in a feathery red pimp coat and hat, rapping the lyrics, ‘pimpin’ ain’t easy, pimp or die. Yeah bitches, godfatha’s in the house.” (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 243)

The Murder Suicide Of Wrestler Chris Benoit Raised Questions About The Impact Of Violence And Steroid Use On Wrestlers’ Brains

In 2007, Wrestler Chris Benoit Killed His Wife And 7-Year Old Son Before Hanging Himself. “Chris Benoit, a professional wrestler known as the Canadian Crippler, killed his wife and 7-year-old son in their house in Fayetteville, Ga., over the weekend before taking his own life by hanging himself with a cable from a weight machine in his home gym, investigators said Tuesday. The authorities found the bodies on Monday afternoon as they were checking on the family at the request of Mr. Benoit’s employer, World Wrestling Entertainment, said Lt. Tommy Pope, lead investigator with the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office.” (Brenda Goodman, “Wrestler Killed Wife And Son, Then Himself,” [The New York Times](#) 11/29/16)

A Doctor Specializing In Brain Injury Said That Benoit’s Brain Damage Due To Multiple Concussions And Trauma Had A Major Impact On His Actions. ABC’S BOB WOODRUFF: “Do, do you believe, as a doctor, that the condition of his brain, the way you discovered it, had an impact on what he did when he killed two people and committed suicide?” SPORTS LEGACY INSTITUTE’S DR. JULIAN BAILES: “That’s a very hard question to answer. And the workings of the human brain, especially when in violence and violence of that type is carried out, I don’t think anybody in science or medicine knows. But I do think, to answer your question, that it did have a major impact. And I think there are other cases where this sort of brain damage does have very abnormal, uncharacteristic behavior, extreme behavior, like in suicide.” (ABC’s “Nightline,” 9/5/07)

Former Wrestler Chris Nowinski Also Believes Head Trauma Might Have Played A Role In Episodes Of Rage Or Depression: “When [Former Wrestler Chris] Nowinski heard about the wrestler’s death, he called police and told them to examine Mr. Benoit’s brain to see whether concussions played a role in any episodes of rage or depression. Mr. Nowinski has worked with researchers on the cases of former NFL players such as Andre Waters and Terry Long, who both committed suicide. ‘What were seeing as a pattern is a unique brain disorder caused from years of trauma,’ he said. Out of six research subjects, three have committed suicide, he added. Mr. Nowinski retired from the World Wrestling Entertainment in 2003 and has debilitating headaches during half of his waking hours.” (Jered Stoffco, “Wrestler Had Severe Brain Damage Documentary,” [The Globe And Mail](#), 2/6/08)

Chris Benoit’s Father, Michael Benoit: “I Think It’s The Extreme That Is In The Wrestling Industry Today...The Human Skull Is Not Built To Get Hit By A Chair Or Something.” (Tim Dahlberg, Op Ed, “Fake Wrestling Can Be Very Real,” [Home News Tribune](#), 9/16/07)

Anabolic Steroids Were Found In Benoit's Home, And Police Investigated Whether The Drugs May Have Played A Role In His Actions. "Investigators who forced their way into Benoit's home after the weekend killing spree found anabolic steroids stashed in the house. Authorities said they want to know whether Benoit was unhinged by the drugs - which can cause paranoia, depression and explosive outbursts known as 'roid rage.' 'I am baffled about why anybody would kill a 7-year-old boy,' said Fayette County, Ga., District Attorney Scott Ballard." (Angela Mosconi, T.J. Quinn, and Adam Nichols, "Rage Roid Have Him On Ropes? Steroids Found In House Where Wrestler, His Wife, & Son Died," *The [New York] Daily News*, 6/27/07)

Despite McMahon's Pledge That Steroid Users Would Not Work For WWF, Numerous Wrestlers Have Admitted They Did And Others Have Been Implicated

As Far Back As 1993, Linda McMahon Pledged Steroid Users "Won't Be Working For Us."

"Controversy swirled around the federation in the late '80s when a Pennsylvania doctor was convicted of selling steroids to wrestlers in the federation. Since then Titan Sports has instituted a drug policy that McMahon said was as rigorous as that of the Olympic Committee, whose wrestlers were tested every couple of weeks. The testing is observed, and if wrestlers are found to be using drugs, 'they won't be working for us,' McMahon said. 'We push physical fitness and conditioning and nutritional supplements. We say no to drugs.' 'Our wrestlers are goodwill ambassadors and role models to children,' she said, noting that they have set up a ring on a street corner in Harlem where wrestlers talk with the young people who walk by." (Jackie Fitzpatrick, "The Lady And The Champs," *The New York Times*, 6/5/93)

In 1991, WWF Affiliated Doctor, George T. Zahorian, Was Found Guilty On 12 Of 14 Counts Of Distributing Drugs To Wrestlers.

"George T. Zahorian III, 43, was found guilty by a federal jury Thursday of distributing the drugs to four professional wrestlers and a weightlifter. ... He was convicted on 12 of 14 counts: eight counts of distributing steroids and four counts of illegally distributing prescription painkillers. The jury found him innocent of one count of possessing steroids with intent to deliver and one count of possessing painkillers with intent to deliver. Zahorian faces up to 44 years in jail and a \$3 million fine. A sentencing date was not immediately set." ("Zahorian Found Guilty Of Selling Steroids Illegally," *The Associated Press*, 6/28/91)

Roddy Piper Admitted To Steroid Use On The Witness Stand During Zahorian Trial. "Professional wrestler Roddy Piper, who admitted Tuesday in a Pennsylvania courtroom that he purchased and used anabolic steroids, said in Portland on Wednesday that he had been clean for the past 2 1/2 years. "I used them for about a year and a half to two years, back when it was legal," said Piper, who lives near Hillsboro. Piper, 37, and three other pro wrestlers on Tuesday told a federal jury in Harrisburg, Pa., they purchased steroids from a Pennsylvania doctor who is on trial as a drug dealer. The wrestlers will not be charged because using steroids was not a crime at the time." (John Nolen, "Piper Now Says No To Steroids," *The Oregonian*, 6/27/91)

Hulk Hogan Admitted During McMahon Steroid Trial That He Used Steroids And McMahon's Secretary Placed Orders For Him.

"Hulk Hogan admitted publicly for the first time Thursday that he used steroids for 13 years 'to get big' and that wrestling promoter Vincent McMahon Jr.'s secretary sometimes placed orders for him to get the drug. Testifying under immunity in McMahon's trial, Hogan also said he discussed steroids with the promoter and on occasion ordered some from doctors for McMahon's personal use." (Pat Milton, "Hulkamania Take Your Vitamins, Shoot Your Steroids," *The Associated Press*, 7/14/94)

Former Female Wrestler Joanie "Chyna" Laurer Said Drugs Were Common In The WWE Locker Room.

CNN'S NANCY GRACE: "Here on the set with me, a real superstar. You know her as Chyna. This is Joanie Laurer, WWE superstar. Was it common to see drugs in the locker room?" WWE WRESTLER JOANIE LAURER: "It was common to see drugs everywhere, Nancy." GRACE: "Explain." LAURER: "Well, you know, you're talking about a multitude of different kind of drugs, as well. So I mean, drugs were prevalent everywhere while - - professionally, I'll say, while we were, you know, working, before working, after working, in social settings." GRACE: "What, to deal with pain, steroids, what?" LAURER: "All of the above. Every facet of -- you know, it went from pain tolerance to steroids to a social level. So it was very

confusing for me most of the time, and I think I allowed it to happen most of the time around me because I didn't know any different. So that (INAUDIBLE) was very convoluted or it crossed between social and pain and esthetically. It was very confusing." (CNN s Headline News "Nancy Grace," 8/23/07)

Even Vince McMahon Admitted To Using Steroids. "World Wrestling Federation owner Vince McMahon admitted to having used steroids that he received from Dr. George T. Zahorian III, who was convicted last month of illegally selling the body-building drugs. "I used a steroid that I got from Dr. Zahorian very briefly about 3 or 4 years ago," said McMahon, who is not a wrestler himself but does do some body building. He used the steroid only once, he said. McMahon made the admission at a news conference held yesterday to answer allegations that the WWF is rife with steroid use. At a federal trial in Harrisburg, Pa., Zahorian said he sold steroids to various wrestlers, including WWF champion Hulk Hogan and Rowdy Roddy Piper." ("WWF Owner Admits Using Steroids," *The Globe And Mail*, 7/17/91)

"Another Wrestler, Kevin Wacholz, Followed [Rick] Rude To Testify About The Same Evening, And His Memory Was Decidedly More Clear. Yes, Vince Had Specifically Said, 'I Suggest You Go On The Gas.'" (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 124)

"As Long As Nobody Pushed The Envelope, Vince Was Willing To Let Dope Smoking And Casual Coke Use Ride,' Says Another Wrestler." (Shaun Assael and Mike Mooneyham, *Sex, Lies, And Headlocks*, 2002, p. 173)

"WWE Essentially Stopped Enforcing Its Steroid Policy In Early 1996." (Alex Marvez, Op Ed, "Steroid Problem Extends Beyond Diamond To Ring," *Scripps Howard News Service*, 7/19/02)

- **The House Oversight And Government Reform Committee In 2009: From 1996 To 2006, WWE Suspended All Testing For Steroids.** "According to documents provided to the Committee, the WWE had a steroids testing program in the 1990s that was eliminated in 1996, On October 25,1996, the WWE's Chairman and CEO, Vince McMahon, issued a memo explaining his decision. The memo stated: 'the incidence of illegal and performance enhancing drugs is so slight that group testing is no longer cost effective or necessary.' In March 2006, Mr. McMahon reinstated the steroids testing program after press reports suggested that the death of popular V/WE wrestler Eddie Guerrero four months earlier was linked to steroid abuse." (Chairman Henry Waxman, Committee On Oversight And Government Reform, Letter To The Office Of National Drug Control Policy, 1/2/09)

In 2005, Following The Death Of Eddie Guerrero, WWE Mandated Random Drug Testing.

"Following the death of one of pro wrestling's biggest stars, World Wrestling Entertainment says it is starting random drug testing to detect illicit drugs, steroids and prescription drug abuse among its performers. Eddie Guerrero, 38, was found dead last month in a Minneapolis hotel shortly before a show. The medical examiner has yet to rule on the cause of death, but Guerrero's widow has said she was told an autopsy showed signs of heart disease, which she blamed on his past alcohol and drug abuse. WWE said it will announce details on the testing in the coming weeks." ("Pro Wrestlers Soon To Face Steroid Tests," *Chicago Tribune*, 12/5/05)

- **The First Round Of Testing In 2006 Found 40% Of Performers Tested Positive For Steroid Use Even After Knowing Of The Testing In Advance.** "In the first year of the V/WE's testing program, which began in March 2006, 40% of wrestlers tested positive for steroids and other drugs even after being warned in advance." (Chairman Henry Waxman, Committee On Oversight And Government Reform, Letter To The Office Of National Drug Control Policy, 1/2/09)
- **McMahon Acknowledged She "Was Not Surprised" That 40% Of WWE Performers Tested Positive For Steroid Use.** CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATOR: "You had discussed earlier David asked if you had any firsthand knowledge, prior to the policy in '06, whether you had any firsthand knowledge of any wrestlers who were using steroids. Essentially your answer was no, you didn't, you had no real secondhand knowledge, you had not seen any information. Now you're indicating that you weren't surprised that 40 percent of the talent tested positive. Why not?" MCMAHON: "I said I didn't know why I was not surprised. It's a -- I don't know." (Interview of Linda McMahon, Committee On Oversight And Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, 12/13/07)

After A 2007 Investigation By *Sports Illustrated* Implicating Wrestlers In Steroid Use, WWE Suspended 10 Performers, But Did Not Release Their Names. “Based on independent information received from investigators from the Albany County, NY D.A.’s office, WWE has today, under the penalty provisions of its wellness policy, issued suspension notices to 10 of its performers for violations. It has been WWE’s practice not to release the names of those who have been suspended, but notice has been sent to all WWE performers that names of anyone who is suspended under the Wellness Policy as of November 1 will be made public.” (Press Release, “WWE Statement On Performer Suspensions,” World Wrestling Entertainment, 8/30/09)

- **The WWE Could Not Suspend All 14 Implicated In The Investigation, Because Three Were Already Dead.** “According to media reports, three of the 14 wrestlers who allegedly had been Signature clients since 2003 are dead: Guerrero, Benoit and former WWE wrestler Brian ‘Crush’ Adams, who died Aug. 13.” (Paul Farhi, “Pro Wrestling Suspends 10 Linked To Steroid Ring,” *The Washington Post*, 9/1/07)

Linda McMahon Admitted To Congressional Investigators That WWE’s Decision To Stop Having Shows In The State Of Washington Because Of “Something To Do With Drug Testing.” (Interview of Linda McMahon, Committee On Oversight And Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, 12/13/07)

The Benoit Murder-Suicide Led To An Investigation By The House Oversight Committee

In 2007, The Democrat Controlled House Oversight Committee Announced An Investigation Into The WWE’s Drug Testing Policies. “The House committees that looked into steroid use in professional baseball in 2005 have asked Benoit’s employer, World Wrestling Entertainment, for information about its drug-testing policies. The WWE finds itself in the cross hairs of California Rep. Henry A. Waxman’s House Oversight Committee and Illinois Rep. Bobby L. Rush’s Energy and Commerce subcommittee, with Rush planning to hold a hearing this fall. The developments are a reality smackdown for a company that sells comic book story lines to millions of fans each week. But the WWE has the advantage of studying baseball’s legislative film.” (Chris Frates, “Congress Ready To Rumble Over WWE Steroids,” *Politico* 9/20/07)

McMahon Previously Said The Science On Concussions And Wrestling Is Inconclusive

Linda McMahon Compared WWE’s Concussion Policy To That Of The NFL. “WWE has one of the most comprehensive health and wellness policies that is in place which goes to safety issues ... impact testing for concussions that is the same program that is utilized by the NFL.” (WXLMS, “The Lee Elci Morning Show,” 1/14/10)

The WWE Rejected Scientific Research From West Virginia University Done On Two Former Wrestlers Which Studied The Long Term Damage To The Brain From Repeated Concussions And Blows To The Head. “The deaths of [Chris] Benoit and [Andrew] Martin, who wrestled for World Wrestling Entertainment from 1998 to 2004 and 2006 to ‘07, were widely ascribed to the culture of professional wrestling, steroids use and personal problems, but the doctor who examined both of their brains said they are bound by a more fundamental trait. Dr. Julian Bailes, Omalu’s co-director at the Brain Institute and the chairman of the department of neurosurgery at West Virginia University School of Medicine, announced the Benoit findings at a news conference in September 2007 in New York. Bailes believes the Martin case is similarly significant. ... ‘With Andrew Martin as the second case, the WWE and the sport in general have to ask themselves, ‘Is this a trend?’ The science tells us that jumping off 10-foot ladders and slamming people with tables and chairs is simply bad for the brain.’ In response, the WWE issued this statement: ‘While this is a new emerging science, the WWE is unaware of the veracity of any of these tests, be it for Chris Benoit or Andrew Martin. Dr. Omalu claims that Mr. Benoit had a brain that resembled an 85-year-old with Alzheimer’s, which would lead one to ponder how Mr. Benoit would have found his way to an airport, let alone been able to remember all the moves and information that is required to perform in the ring. ‘WWE has been asking to see the research and tests results in the case of Mr. Benoit for years and has not been supplied with them.’ According to Bailes, the Brain Institute has never received a request from the WWE to see the Benoit records. He invited the WWE to review the data at any time.” (Greg Garber, “Doctors Wrestler Had Brain Damage,” [ESPN](#) 12/9/09)

Linda McMahon: “These Studies Have Not Been Proven, If You Will.” CNN’s DREW GRIFFIN: “There is a lot of information coming out on the research that was done on Chris [Benoit]’s brain. ... [W]e had our own neurologist on staff, CNN, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, he looked at the slides, and he couldn’t believe what he was seeing. He couldn’t believe the damage mirrored an 85-year-old man who had either Alzheimer’s, or dementia, or something like that.” LINDA MCMAHON: “These studies have not been proven, if you will.” (“McMahons WWE Not To Blame For Benoit s Actions,” [CNN](#), 11/7/07)

WWE Has Been Accused Of Leading To A High Death Toll Among Wrestlers

A 2004 USA Today Article Reported That 65 Wrestlers Had Died In The Previous Seven Years, Including 25 From Heart Attacks And Other Coronary Problems. “USA TODAY’s examination of medical documents, autopsies and police reports, along with interviews with family members and news accounts, shows that at least 65 wrestlers died in that time, 25 from heart attacks or other coronary problems -- an extraordinarily high rate for people that young, medical officials say. Many had enlarged hearts. ... ‘Because we are the most visible organization, we get the black eye,’ adds [Vince] McMahon, noting that only two of the 65 deceased wrestlers died while working for his company. ‘It is alarming whenever young people pass away from these insidious causes, but you can’t help someone if they don’t want to help themselves.’ ... WWE, the largest wrestling organization in North America with 125 wrestlers, says it tests for recreational drugs if there is probable cause. If a wrestler refuses rehab, he is booted. It has cut weekly performances to three or four, down from about five in the mid- 1990s. And it has improved training techniques to minimize injuries.” (Jon Swartz, “Behind Fun Facade, Professional Wrestling Sees 65 Deaths In 7 Years,” *USA Today*, 3/12/04)

In 2007, Rep. Cliff Stearns (R- FL) Said That 89 Wrestlers Under The Age Of 50 Had Died In The Previous 22 Years. “On July 8, Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.) called on Congress to investigate the WWE and professional wrestling. Stearns said said 89 wrestlers had died before the age of 50 between 1985 and 2006.” (Michael O Keeffe, “Panel To Investigate WWE Drug Policy,” *New York Daily News*, 7/27/07)

Wrestler Owen Hart Was Killed In An Accident At A WWF Event In 1999, Leading To An \$18 Million Lawsuit

In 1999, Wrestler Owen Hart Fell To His Death In An Accident At A WWF Event, Leading To A Lawsuit That The WWF Settled For “A Reported \$18 Million” In 2000. “Hart was 34 when he died in an accident during a May 23, 1999, event with the then-World Wrestling Federation in Kansas City. His bungee slipped as he was being lowered from the ceiling during his introduction and he fell, striking his head on a corner buckle. Hart’s family and the wrestling organization reached a reported \$18 million settlement over his death in 2000.” (Cindy Boren, “Widow, WWE Settle Lawsuit Over Use Of Owen Hart s Name Likeness,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/13/16)

Vince McMahon Was Indicted For Conspiracy To Distribute Steroids

In 1993, Vince McMahon Was Indicted On Conspiracy To Distribute Steroids And Illegal Possession Of Steroids With Intent To Distribute. “The operator of the World Wrestling Federation was accused Thursday of conspiring to beef up his wrestlers with anabolic steroids, an allegation he quickly denied. A federal indictment in Brooklyn alleged that Vincent K. McMahon Jr. and his company, Titan Sports Inc., doing business as the WWF, conspired from 1985 to 1991 to distribute steroids to ‘wrestling performers to enhance their size and muscle development,’ U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter announced. In addition to conspiracy, carrying a five-year maximum penalty on conviction, McMahon was charged with illegal possession of steroids with intent to distribute, which is punishable by up to three years in prison. He also could be subject to fines of up to \$500,000, Carter said.” (“Sports News,” *The Associated Press*, 11/18/93)

- **Two Charges Were Dismissed By The Judge.** “A federal judge dismissed two of three counts Monday against World Wrestling Federation founder Vince McMahon, who was charged with

distributing steroids to Hulk Hogan and others in his stable of wrestlers.” (“Two Charges Dismissed In WWF Steroids Case,” *Charleston Daily Mail*, 7/19/94)

- **The Jury Acquitted McMahon Of The Other Charge.** “Promoter Vince McMahon, who built up the World Wrestling Federation with his stable of bulked-up entertainers, was acquitted Friday of conspiring to distribute steroids. ... Two charges of steroid distribution against McMahon were dismissed by the judge during the trial. The federal jury deliberated 16 hours before reaching its verdict.” (Pat Milton, “Jury Finds WWF s McMahon Innocent,” *The Associated Press*, 7/22/94)

WWE Hires Wrestlers As “Independent Contractors” And Has Fired Wrestlers Who Wanted To Form Unions

WWE Has “Long Classified” Wrestlers As “Independent Contractors.” “The company has long classified [wrestlers] as ‘independent contractors.’ It’s an easy way to get around things like health insurance, retirement planning and other unpleasant subjects.” (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 163)

Former Professional Wrestler Jesse Ventura Attacked The McMahons And Vented About The Fact That Pro Wrestlers Lack The Protection Of A Union. “The former Minnesota governor called it ‘a joke’ and said it’s ‘still in the stone age.’ Specifically, Ventura vented about the fact that pro wrestlers lack the protection of a union. He said Vince McMahon, husband of U.S. Senate candidate and former WWE CEO Linda McMahon, has long classified wrestlers as independent contractors as a way to avoid paying social security.” (Daniela Altimari, “Jesse Ventura Slams Professional Wrestling,” [Hartford Courant’s Capitol Watch Blog](#) , 12/1/09)

Former Wrestler Charlie Haas Said The Company Would Fire Wrestlers Who Tried To Form A Union. “Once the office found out that people were trying to do unions, they’d get rid of those people who were trying to form it. The problem is that there’s no competition. I mean, are you gonna start a union for the only company that offers wrestling? You do that and they fire you, where else are you gonna go? I mean, the WWE pays you very well. They encourage you to think outside the WEE, invest your money and have other sources of income, you know? Most jobs you’d never gat that unless you’re playing professional football, baseball or hockey...but they do have unions in those other leagues. It would be great if they did have a union for a 401k or a pension plan for putting in your time.” (James Guttman, *World Wrestling Insanity*, 2006, p. 156)

Jesse Ventura’s Book Claims He Departed The WWF After He Attempted To Unionize The Wrestlers. “Ventura writes that he departed the WWF after an unsuccessful attempt to unionize the company’s performers before Wrestlemania II (Ventura claims the show was held in spring 1987, but it actually occurred the previous year).” (Alex Marvez, “Ventura Tells All In Autobiography,” *Rocky Mountain News*, 5/21/99)

Three Former Wrestlers, Scott “Raven” Levy ,Christopher ”Kanyon” Klucsarits, And “Above Average” Michael Sanders, Sued WWE In Federal Court Claiming That They Were Improperly Classified As Independent Contractors And Denied Benefits. “Three wrestlers have sued Connecticut-based World Wrestling Entertainment...claiming that they have been improperly classified as ‘independent contractors’ and not employees.” (“Wrestlers Claim They Are Employees, Not Independent Contractors In Suit Against WWE,” [Connecticut Employment Law Blog](#), 8/25/08)

Criminal Filings

According To Nexis, Linda McMahon Has 1 Unspecified Infraction Filed Against Her. (Nexis, Accessed 11/17/16)

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CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

Abortion

McMahon Is Pro-Choice. “I am pro choice, and I have to say that with a caveat because I’ve never had to make that decision for myself - I think it would be the hardest decision. ... I’m not sure I could make that decision for myself.” (Daniela Altimari, “Wrestling In New Ring Politics Linda McMahon,” *Hartford Courant*, 12/20/09)

Climate Change

McMahon Seems Unsure On Climate Change: “I Think There’s Evidence To The Positive And To The Contrary About Global Warming.” (Daniela Altimari, “Wrestling In New Ring Politics Linda McMahon,” *Hartford Courant*, 12/20/09)

Stimulus Bill

A 2010 McMahon Campaign Ad Attacked The Stimulus Bill. LINDA MCMAHON: “Today Chris Dodd is getting another pat on the back from Washington. Chris Dodd, who predicted that passing the stimulus package would create or save 41,000 jobs in Connecticut. Instead, we’ve lost 24,000.” (MSNBC’s “The Ed Show,” 10/23/09)

McMahon Said Washington Got The Stimulus Package “Dead Wrong.” “If you look at the stimulus package, Washington just got that dead wrong. The money that flowed from stimulus went into government agencies, it did not get into the hands of small businesses who . . . are going to create 70 percent of the jobs. . . . The stimulus was supposed to hold unemployment to 8 percent. Well, it’s 10.2 [percent]. When Chris Dodd talked about the stimulus last February, he indicated with the passage of stimulus we’d either create or save 41,000 jobs in the state, and since then we’ve lost over 24,000. So do I think we’re on the right track? No.” (Daniela Altimari, “Wrestling In New Ring Politics Linda McMahon,” *Hartford Courant*, 12/20/09)

Government Reform And Spending

McMahon Said Spending Is Out Of Control And Would Support A Balance Budget Amendment To The Constitution. “I’m a fiscal conservative who believes common sense business principles are in short supply in Washington. Spending is out of control. Endless deficits, now a record \$1.4 trillion, and mounting federal debt, a record \$12.3 trillion, are threatening the American Dream. The National Debt increased about \$1.6 trillion in 2009 alone, and it just keeps growing. Congress has to start acting more like the millions of Americans who face difficult financial decisions every day. When credit and money are tight, families make tough choices. It is time for Congress to make the same kind of tough choices instead of raising the federal debt ceiling. Unfortunately, Washington doesn’t get it. As Senator, I would support a

balanced budget Amendment to the Constitution because in the alternative, endless budget deficits and unthinkable debt will cause long-term damage to the economy.” ([Linda McMahon Campaign Website](#), Accessed 11/29/16)

McMahon: “Washington Is Out Of Control, And Sadly, Sen. Chris Dodd Has Lost His Way And Our Trust. I Can’t Sit By On The Sidelines Anymore Knowing That I Have Both The Experience And The Strength To Stand Up To Special Interests And Bring Badly Needed Change To Washington.” (Daniela Altimari, “WWE’s Linda McMahon Seeks GOP Nod For Sen. Chris Dodd’s Seat,” *Hartford Courant*, 9/16/09)

Bush Tax Cuts

McMahon’s Campaign Blog Claimed She “Supported The 2001 And 2003 Bush Tax Cuts.” “I supported the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts. The reductions in taxes reduced the government burden on taxpayers from all income levels, cut capital gains taxes, reduced the death tax, and curtailed taxes for millions of families. The Bush tax cuts left money in the hands of businesses and workers-where it belongs.” (Linda For Senate 2010, “Cut Spending So We Can Lower Taxes,” [Linda’s 2010 Campaign Blog](#) 12/8/09)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Political Affiliation

According To GOP Data Center, Linda McMahon Is A Registered Republican In Fairfield, CT. According To Nexis, Linda McMahon Is A Registered Republican In Fairfield, CT. (GOP Data Center and Nexis, Accessed 11/17/16)

DEMOCRAT DONATIONS

According To Open Secrets, Linda McMahon Has Donated To Mayor Rahm Emanuel (D), Our Common Values PAC (D), State Rep. Kevin Murray (D), State Senator Mark Warner (D), Rep Tom Allen (D), And Stephanie Hunter Sanchez (D). ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/17/16)

MCMAHON, LINDA	WORLD WRESTLING	4/14/04	\$1,000	Emanuel, Rahm (D)
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MCMAHON, LINDA	WORLD WRESTLING	8/22/08	\$2,300	Emanuel, Rahm (D)
	FEDERATION			
LINDA MCMAHON	World Wrestling	1/18/02	\$1,000	Emanuel, Rahm (D)
	Federation/CEO			
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BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

WWE Lobbying

WWE Spent \$80,000 On Lobbying In 2008. ([Center For Responsive Politics](#), Accessed 11/29/16)

World Wrestling Entertainment

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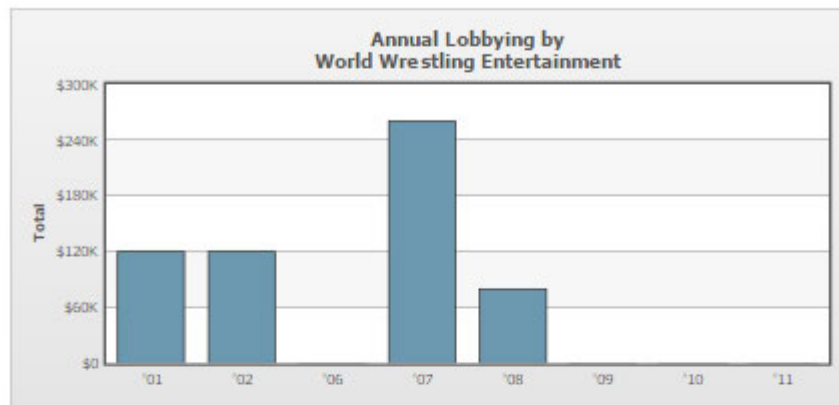
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Subtotal for Parent World Wrestling Entertainment: \$80,000

World Wrestling Entertainment Lobbying by Industry

Industry	Total
Recreation/Live Entertainment	\$80,000

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Bankruptcy

According To Nexis, No Records Found.

NOTE: *The Hartford Courant* Reported That In 1976 The McMahons Filed For Bankruptcy. "It was 1976. McMahon and her husband, Vincent K. McMahon, had just lost a lot of money in a series of bad investments, ranging from a construction company that went belly up, to a money-losing deal to simulcast motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel's jump across the Snake River Canyon in Idaho. The couple had a 7-year-old son, and Linda was pregnant with their second child. They lost their home and their cars, she said, and they had to file for bankruptcy." (Daniela Altimari, "Wrestling In New Ring Politics Linda McMahon," *The Hartford Courant*, 12/20/09)



