

James Richard “Rick” Perry

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BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

Education

Texas A&M University - Bachelor's, Animal Science - 1972

College Station, TX 77843 ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/2/16)

Work Experience

2000-January 2015: The State Of Texas Governor Of Texas ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 8/3/16)

1998-1999: The State Of Texas Lieutenant Governor Of Texas ([LinkedIn](#), Accessed 8/3/16)

1990-1998: The State Of Texas Agriculture Commissioner ([LinkedIn](#) Accessed 8/3/16)

1985-1991: Texas House Of Representatives State Representative, District 64 ([State Of Texas](#) Accessed 11/20/16)

1977-1985: Father's Ranch In Paint Creek Worker ([National Public Radio](#) Accessed 11/20/16)

1972-1976: U.S. Air Force Pilot ([New York Times](#) Accessed 11/20/16)

1976-1977: U.S. Air Force Aircraft Commander ([New York Times](#) Accessed 11/20/16)

Early 1970s: Southwestern Company ([National Public Radio](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

QUESTIONS FOR RICK PERRY

Political Vulnerabilities

Initial Criticisms of Mr. Trump

Background: As a candidate in the 2016 president campaign, Perry suggested Mr. Trump was running as an entertainer and that his comments “don't reflect republican values.” Perry's social media accounts promoted negative news coverage of Mr. Trump prior to his securing of the Republican nomination.

- **Given the tumultuous nature of this campaign season, would you commit to standing by the President and express full public support during turbulent periods should you serve in the administration?**
- **Do you have any specific reservations to putting full support behind the President-elect's issues agenda and policy platform?**

Abuse of Power Charges

Background: In 2014, Perry was indicted on two felony of abuse of power charges stemming from accusations that he vetoed \$7.5 million in state funding for the public integrity unit in an act of revenge over a political enemy. Perry was later cleared of all charges.

- **Is there anything that went unreported or additional information that we should know from the 2014 abuse of power charges?**
- **Are there any other similar incidents during your time as Governor that could potentially surface should you participate in the admiration?**

Conflicts of Interest

Background: Perry has either part ownership or is involved with a number of domestic energy companies.

- **Will you agree to either a ‘blind trust’ or to cease any and all ongoing business relationships during the time that you would potentially serve in the administration?**
- **In addition to your connections to the energy industry, are there any other business ties or associations that we should be made aware of?**

Policy Questions

Rebuilding America

Background: Perry is an accomplished politician having been Texas’ longest-serving governor. He has deep ties to various communities and U.S. business leaders.

- **Based on your success in Texas and general high approval with the Texas constituency, how would you suggest to the President you could best serve the nation?**
- **What issue areas would you advise the President to prioritize in the early part of his administration?**

Conflicting Stance On Illegal Immigration

Background: Perry has traditionally supported amnesty and a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants. He has criticized the idea of a border wall with Mexico, and as governor of Texas signed legislation granting illegal immigrants in state tuition.

- **Would you have an issue governing in an administration that actively worked to defend and tighten U.S. borders?**
- **Would you provide full support for the administration’s efforts to build a border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border?**

State Budget/Debt Issues

Background: Under Perry, Texas’ spending ballooned and the state’s debt more than tripled. Perry’s last budget as Governor was heavily criticized by conservatives for increasing spending by 20 percent.

- **From your experiences governing and managing the Texas State budget, what advice or lessons could you share with President-elect?**
- **Where do you stand philosophically on public debt, and would you prioritize staying within budgetary constraints should you manage a government department?**
- **How you advise him to maintain budget constraints while also meeting his obligations to take care of the American people?**

General Department of Energy Policy

- How would you prioritize diversity in our energy portfolio, and what energy source do you think has the most potential for growth?
- What is your position on the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, and how would you proceed in suggesting and approving future pipelines?
- Would you place an emphasis on research and development into renewable energy, or would your department focus on existing energy sources?
- The current Secretary of Energy Ernie Moniz played a critical role in the negotiations behind the Iran nuclear deal. Since the National Nuclear Security Administration is a component of the Department of Energy, what role do you see for your department in developing, implanting, and enforcing future nuclear accords?
- Would you suggest maintaining ratification of the Paris Agreement and continue pursuing international agreements regarding greenhouse gases, or would you take a different approach?

General Department of Agriculture Policy

- As the government official who serves as the principal adviser to the President on domestic agriculture policy, what would you suggest should be prioritized?
 - What policies within the agriculture sector do you believe should be reformed?
- Given that the President will prioritize renegotiating certain U.S. trade deals, do you have any opinion on how the U.S. can better operate as an agricultural exporter?
- Given the political sensitivity surrounding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamp program) will you have any reservations ensuring the program runs as efficiently and smoothly as possible?
 - What is your general position on the SNAP Program?

General Department of the Interior Policy

- What is your general philosophy when it comes to the use of federal lands for energy production?
- How would you view the opportunity to either create or reduce the number of national parks and federal monuments, and would you advise the President in either direction?

TRUMP-PENCE

Criticizing Trump

In July 2015, Perry Called Trump “A Cancer On Conservatism,” Saying “We Will Be No Better Off With A Republican Divider In The White House Than The Current Democrat Divider In The White House.” GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “Let no one be mistaken Donald Trump’s candidacy is a cancer on conservatism, and it must be clearly diagnosed, excised and discarded.” (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#) Washington, DC, 7/22/15)

- **Perry Described Trumpism As “A Toxic Mix Of Demagoguery, Mean-Spiritedness, And Nonsense That Will Lead The Republican Party To Perdition.”** GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “He offers a barking carnival act that can be best described as Trumpism: a toxic mix of demagoguery, mean-spiritedness and nonsense that will lead the Republican Party to perdition if pursued.” (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#), Washington, DC, 7/22/15)
- **Perry Said Trump Was “A Sower Of Division, Wrongly Demonizing Mexican-Americans For Political Sport.”** GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “But Donald Trump the candidate is a sower of division, wrongly demonizing Mexican-Americans for political sport. It is wrong to paint with a broad brush Hispanic men and women in this country who have fought and died for freedom from the Alamo to Afghanistan. He scapegoats Hispanics to appeal to our worst instincts, when we need a president who appeals to our best.” (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#), Washington, DC, 7/22/15)
- **Perry Said That Trump Was “The Modern-Day Incarnation Of The Know-Nothing Movement,” Espousing “Nativism, Not Conservatism.”** GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “Donald Trump is the modern-day incarnation of the know-nothing movement. He espouses nativism, not conservatism. He is negative when conservatism is inherently optimistic. He would divide us along bloodlines, when conservatives believe our policies will work for people of all backgrounds.” (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#), Washington, DC, 7/22/15)
- **Perry: “We Will Be No Better Off With A Republican Divider In The White House Than The Current Democrat Divider In The White House.”** (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#), Washington, DC, 7/22/15)
- **Perry Said Trump If Trumpism “Metastase[d],” It Would Send The Republican Party To “The Graveyard.”** GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “I will not go quiet when this cancer on conservatism threatens to metastasize into a movement of mean-spirited politics that will send the Republican Party to the same place it sent the Whig Party in 1854: the graveyard.” (Gov. Rick Perry, [Remarks At An Opportunity And Freedom PAC Forum](#), Washington, DC, 7/22/15)

Social Media Criticizing Trump

In A July 29, 2015 Facebook Post, Perry Stated That “America Doesn’t Need To Be Entertained, It Needs To Be Led.” ([Facebook](#), 7/29/15)

 **Rick Perry**
July 29, 2015 · 🌐

"America doesn't need to be entertained, it needs to be led." - Governor Rick Perry on The Five

Add your name to stand with #Perry2016 -----> bit.ly/1MVmLvT



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In A July 18, 2015 Facebook Post, Perry That “Donald J. Trump’s Reprehensible Comments Today About John McCain’s POW Service Make Him Unfit To Be Commander –In-Chief & He Should Immediately Withdraw From The Presidential Race.” ([Facebook](#) 7/18/15)

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July 18, 2015 · 🌐

Donald J. Trump's reprehensible comments today about John McCain's POW service make him unfit to be Commander-in-Chief & he should immediately withdraw from the presidential race.

<https://rickperry.org/gov-perry-donald-trumps-comments-make...>

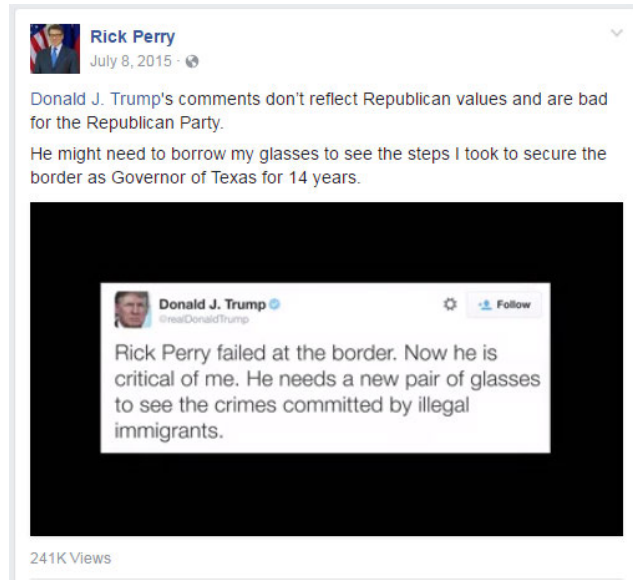


Gov. Perry: Donald Trump's Comments Make Him Unfit to be Commander-in-Chief - Perry for President
AUSTIN – Today Governor Perry released the following statement in response to...

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In A July 8, 2015 Facebook Post, Rick Perry Stated That “Donald J. Trump’s Comments Don’t Reflect Republican Vales And Are Bad For The Republican Party.” ([Facebook](#), 7/8/15)



Gov. Perry Has Tweeted Numerous Negative Tweets Regarding Donald Trump. (Rick Perry, [Twitter](#) Accessed 11/20/16)



 **Rick Perry** @GovernorPerry · Mar 2

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 **Rick Perry** @GovernorPerry · Mar 1

Congratulations to @tedcruz on his big wins tonight. With a definitive win in Texas, he remains the only one who can beat @realDonaldTrump.


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 Rick Perry Retweeted

 **Promise to Vets** @promise2vets · Feb 27

Gov Perry: "I'm very satisfied that on Day 1, Ted Cruz will be ready to be commander-in-chief."


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 Rick Perry Retweeted

 **Promise to Vets** @promise2vets · Feb 27

It's time to elect a president who keeps the promises made to our veterans, who have put their lives on the line to protect America.


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 Rick Perry Retweeted

 **Promise to Vets** @promise2vets · Feb 27

Our veterans need a leader like Ted Cruz to keep the promises made to them.

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 Rick Perry Retweeted

 **Catherine Frazier** @catblackfrazier · Jan 26

.@tedcruz: "If @realDonaldTrump is afraid of Megyn Kelly... let's have debate mano a mano before the Iowa caucus" @marklevinshow moderates!

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Rick Perry @GovernorPerry · 8 Aug 2015

.@realDonaldTrump's attack on @megynkelly proves once again that he does not have the temperament to be President. [rickperry.org/statement-by-g ...](http://rickperry.org/statement-by-g...)

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Rick Perry @GovernorPerry · 23 Jul 2015

As an employer of illegal immigrants @realDonaldTrump's border security record is non-existent, a farce at worst rickperry.org/trump-border-v...

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Rick Perry Retweeted



Team Rick Perry @TeamRickPerry · 22 Jul 2015

"I think he would be more comfortable with @HillaryClinton than he is running with the Republicans."



Rick Perry: Donald Trump Belongs In The Democr...
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Rick Perry Retweeted



Team Rick Perry @TeamRickPerry · 22 Jul 2015

FULL SPEECH: "Defending Conservatism Against the Cancer of @realDonaldTrump-ism" rickperry.org/defending-cons...

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Team Rick Perry @TeamRickPerry · 22 Jul 2015

"@realDonaldTrump couldn't have endured for five minutes what @SenJohnMcCain endured for five and a half years." rickperry.org/defending-cons...

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Rick Perry @GovernorPerry · 22 Jul 2015

My speech on "Defending Conservatism Against the Cancer of @realDonaldTrump-ism" rickperry.org/defending-cons...

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Rick Perry @GovernorPerry · 22 Jul 2015

From my friend @SamsPressShop: "The 'Hanoi Hilton' is no Trump Hotel"



I Spent Seven Years as a Vietnam POW. The 'Hanoi Hilton' Is No Tru...

Don't tell me I didn't see bravery.

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Rick Perry @GovernorPerry · 20 Jul 2015

Defending conservatism against the cancer of Trump-ism – I hope you'll join me Wednesday in DC [#Perry2016](#)

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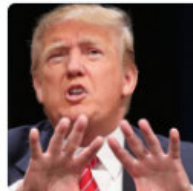
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National Review @NRO · 20 Jul 2015

.@GovernorPerry writes: On Military Service and on Border Security, Trump Offers Only Hot Air

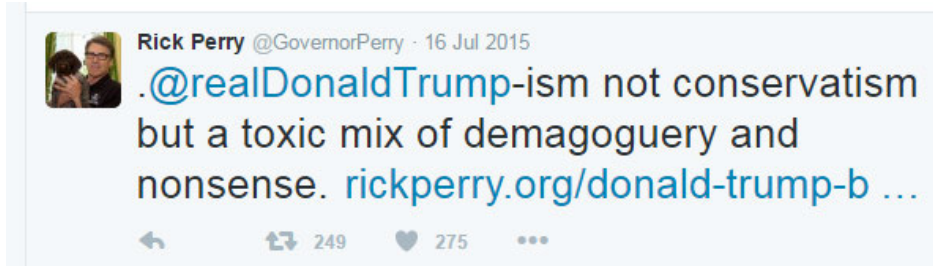
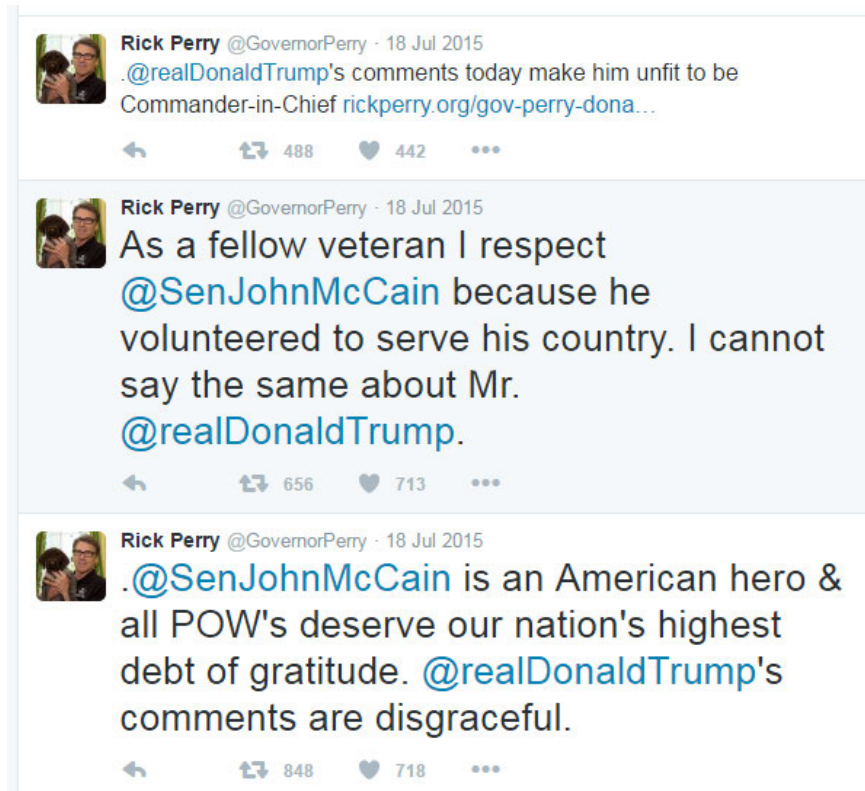


On Military Service and on Border Security, Trump...

Mr. Trump's absurdity reached a new low over the weekend, when he spit in the eye of every American prisoner of war, particularly Senator John McCain.

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Supporting Trump

In May 2016, Shortly After Trump Became The Presumptive Republican Nominee, Perry Endorsed Trump And Said He Would Work To Help Get Him Elected. “Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry told CNN Thursday he will support Donald Trump as the Republican presidential nominee and will do everything he can do to help him get elected. Perry, speaking by phone from his hometown of Roundtop, Texas, acknowledged Trump is not his ideal choice. When Perry was a candidate for president earlier in the

2016 cycle, he was the first to come out and criticize Trump and question his conservative credentials, calling his candidacy a ‘cancer on conservatism.’ ‘He is not a perfect man. But what I do believe is that he loves this country and he will surround himself with capable, experienced people and he will listen to them,’ Perry said Thursday. ‘He wasn’t my first choice, wasn’t my second choice, but he is the people’s choice,’ Perry added.” (Dana Bash, “First On CNN Rick Perry Endorses Donald Trump For President,” [CNN](#) 5/6/16)

- **Perry Described Trump As “One Of The Most Talented People Who Has Ever Run” For President.** “I believe in the process, and the process has said Donald Trump will be our nominee and I’m going to support him and help him and do what I can,’ Perry said. ‘He is one of the most talented people who has ever run for the president I have ever seen,’ he added, saying Trump knows how to market and brand like no one he has ever seen. Perry, speaking on the same day House Speaker Paul Ryan told CNN that he was ‘just not ready’ to back Trump, urged the party to unite behind the presumptive nominee. ‘We need to come together and heal the wounds,’ he said.” (Dana Bash, “First On CNN Rick Perry Endorses Donald Trump For President,” [CNN](#) 5/6/16)

Perry Spoke At The 2016 Republican National Convention, But Did Not Mention Trump In His Speech. “Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry took to the stage Monday at the Republican National Convention to praise a man for his courage and love for America. That man was not soon-to-be-nominated Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. In fact, Perry didn’t mention Trump at all.” (Elise Foley, “Rick Perry Gives Speech At Trump Centered Convention, Pretends Donald Trump Doesn’t Exist,” [The Huffington Post](#), 7/18/16)

In July 2016, Perry Told Reporters That He Was Open To Serving In A Trump Administration. “Former Gov. Rick Perry says he is open to serving in the administration of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, his former rival in the race for the White House. ‘They know that I will come and help if the role is something I’m passionate about, that I’m knowledgeable about,’ Perry told reporters Monday morning after addressing Texas delegates here at the Republican National Convention.” (Patrick Svitek, “Rick Perry Says He’s Open To Serving In Trump Administration,” [Texas Tribune](#) 7/18/16)

Pence

In March 2015, Perry Tweeted Support For Governor Mike Pence’s Religious Liberty Bill, Saying “I Stand With @GovPenceIN.” “I stand with @GovPenceIN. Religious freedom is worth protecting. #RFRA” (Rick Perry, [Twitter Feed](#), 3/31/15)



GENERAL CONTROVERSY

2014 Criminal Indictment

In August 2014, Gov. Perry Was Indicted On Two Felony Of Abuse Of Power. “Gov. Rick Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history, turned himself in amid the cheers of supporters at the Travis County Courthouse on Tuesday to face two felony counts of abuse of power.” (Rick Jervis, “Texas Gov. Perry Turns Himself In On Felony Charges,” [USA Today](#) 8/20/14)

The Indictment Stemmed From A Drunken Driving Arrest Of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg, Who Was Captured On Video Berating Officers Following Her Arrest. “Perry’s indictment stems from the drunken-driving arrest last year of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg, who was captured on video berating officers following her arrest. She served jail time, underwent counseling and returned to her post.” (Rick Jervis, “Texas Gov. Perry Turns Himself In On Felony Charges,” [USA Today](#) 8/20/14)

When Lehmborg, A Democrat, Refused To Resign, Gov. Perry Vetoed \$7.5 Million In State Funding For The Public Integrity Unit, Overseen By Lehmborg. “When she refused Perry’s call to resign, the Republican governor vetoed \$7.5 million in state funding for the public integrity unit overseen by Lehmborg, a Democrat. A grand jury found sufficient evidence to put Perry on trial on charges that his veto overstepped his legal authority. The two felony charges carry prison sentences of up to more than 100 years, if convicted.” (Rick Jervis, “Texas Gov. Perry Turns Himself In On Felony Charges,” [USA Today](#) 8/20/14)

Gov. Perry Said The Charges Against Him Were Politically Motivated, And That He Legally Used His Veto To Withhold Funds From Someone Unfit For Office. “Perry and his legal team say the charges are politically motivated. They say he legally used his veto to withhold funds from someone unfit for office. Democratic leaders in Texas have called for his resignation, but people around the country have backed him.” (Rick Jervis, “Texas Gov. Perry Turns Himself In On Felony Charges,” [USA Today](#) 8/20/14)

In February 2016, The Highest Criminal Court In Texas Dismissed The Case Against Gov. Perry, Ending The Abuse Of Power Accusations. “The highest criminal court in Texas dismissed a case against former Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday, apparently ending the long-running abuse-of-power accusations that dogged Mr. Perry during his failed run for the Republican nomination for president. In its ruling, the court tossed the one remaining charge against Mr. Perry and upheld the previous dismissal of a second charge by a lower court.” (Manny Fernandez, “Texas Court Dismisses Criminal Case Against Rick Perry,” [The New York Times](#) 2/24/16)

Perry Called The Indictment “Nothing Less Than A Baseless Political Attack.” “Tony Buzbee, a Houston lawyer who was representing Mr. Perry, called the ruling on Wednesday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ‘a long time coming’ one year and six months after his indictment in August 2014. The court ordered the indictment dismissed. In Austin, Mr. Perry told reporters that the court’s ruling proved the indictment was ‘nothing less than a baseless political attack’ as he struck a businesslike demeanor at a news conference. Mr. Perry, who withdrew from the presidential race in September as his campaign effectively ran out of money, said the shadow of criminal charges undercut his bid.” (Manny Fernandez, “Texas Court Dismisses Criminal Case Against Rick Perry,” [The New York Times](#) 2/24/16)

Critics Of Perry Said He Used Lehmborg’s Arrest To Dismantle A Public-Corruption Squad That Was Unpopular With Texas Republicans. “Mr. Perry’s critics accused him of using Ms. Lehmborg’s arrest to dismantle a public-corruption squad that was unpopular with the state’s Republican leadership and to try to go after Ms. Lehmborg, a powerful Democrat in Austin. Mr. McCrum argued that Mr. Perry’s actions crossed the line from mere politics to the criminal act of threatening an elected official. Mr. Perry’s supporters said the charges by a grand jury in liberal Travis County were a political witch hunt.” (Manny Fernandez, “Texas Court Dismisses Criminal Case Against Rick Perry,” [The New York Times](#) 2/24/16)

In 2014, An Audit Of Perry's Texas Enterprise Fund Revealed A Number Of Instances Where Firms Who Received Millions Did Not Fill Out Applications Or Meet Job Totals

A 2014 Audit By The State Auditor Found The "Texas Enterprise Fund Doled Out Hundreds Of Millions In Taxpayer Dollars To Businesses And Universities That Never Even Formally Applied For The Funds." "Gov. Rick Perry's Texas Enterprise Fund doled out hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars to businesses and universities that never even formally applied for the funds, according to a scathing new state audit that casts a shadow over one of the potential presidential candidate's signature programs. The 107-page State Auditor's report raised concerns over nearly every aspect of the 'deal-closing' fund, from initial oversight of how grants are awarded to the mechanisms by which the state recoups taxpayer money when an investment fails." (Lauren McGaughy, "Scathing Audit Rakes Governor's Office Over Texas Enterprise Fund," [Houston Chronicle](#), 9/25/14)

- **"The Audit Found That 44 Percent Of The Total Fund Disbursements - \$222 Million Over 10 Years - Went To Entities That Never Submitted A Formal Application Or Were Not Required To Create Jobs."** "One of the most damning revelations in the audit found that 44 percent of the total fund disbursements - \$222 million over 10 years - went to entities that never submitted a formal application or were not required to create jobs, including \$50 million each to the University of Texas at Dallas and Texas A&M." (Lauren McGaughy, "Scathing Audit Rakes Governor's Office Over Texas Enterprise Fund," [Houston Chronicle](#), 9/25/14)
- **"The Governor's Office Has Sole Control Over Negotiating And Issuing Grants From The Enterprise Fund..."** "The governor's office has sole control over negotiating and issuing grants from the Enterprise Fund, with the lieutenant governor and house speaker required to sign off on final agreements." (Lauren McGaughy, "Scathing Audit Rakes Governor's Office Over Texas Enterprise Fund," [Houston Chronicle](#), 9/25/14)

The Texas Enterprise Fund Made 36 Amendments To 30 Awards Between 2003-2013 To "Relax The Number Of Jobs They Were Expected To Produce Or Delaying The Deadlines." "Yet in more than a dozen instances, the governor's office amended awards to relax the number of jobs they were expected to produce or delaying the deadlines. ... Yet the amending of awards has been a constant feature of the Enterprise Fund's administration over the last decade. The state audit found 36 amendments to 30 awards between 2003 and 2013." (Aman Batheja, "When Firms Missed Job Goals, Perry Relaxed Rules," [Texas Tribune](#), 10/14/14)

- **The Governor's Office And The Companies Say The Amendments Were Due To "Unforeseen Forces Like The Recession For Upending Their Plans."** "While both the governor's office and the companies point to unforeseen forces like the recession for upending their plans, critics argue the amendments show a pattern of Perry's office being far too accommodating to companies receiving public tax dollars." (Aman Batheja, "When Firms Missed Job Goals, Perry Relaxed Rules," [Texas Tribune](#), 10/14/14)

NOTE: The Enterprise Fund Did Not Require Formal Applications In Its First Three Years Of Existence. "Since the release of a scathing state audit three weeks ago, the 11-year-old Enterprise Fund has drawn fresh attention and become an issue in some elections. Much of the criticism has focused on \$172 million of taxpayer money doled out to firms that didn't have to apply for it. Those cases developed entirely from the project's first three years, before the Legislature beefed up the fund's oversight, including requiring formal applications." (Aman Batheja, "When Firms Missed Job Goals, Perry Relaxed Rules," [Texas Tribune](#), 10/14/14)

Through 2010, Perry's Texas Enterprise Fund Had Delivered Well Over \$150 Million In Taxpayer-Funded Grants To Companies Run By Perry Donors:

At Least Twenty Companies That Have Received Grants From The Texas Enterprise Fund Have Made Political Contributions To Perry Or Committees Under His Control. "An *Observer* investigation

has found that 20 of the 55 Enterprise Fund companies have either given money directly to Perry's campaign ... or donated to the Republican Governors Association, a Washington, D.C.-based group that Perry presided over in 2008. ... The 20 companies have received a combined \$174.2 million from the Enterprise Fund. During the same time period, those 20 corporations have donated \$2.2 million to Perry and the governors association." (Dave Mann, "Slush Fun," [Texas Observer](#) 3/11/10)

"Club For Growth Called The Enterprise Fund And Perry's Emerging Technology Fund 'A Form Of Corporate Welfare.'" (Peggy Fikac, "Perry s Not For Government Intrusion, Except When He Is," [Houston Chronicle](#), 9/2/11)

"[The Fund Is] Under Fire For Falling Short Of Delivering On Promised Job Gains And Creating An Appearance Of Political Favoritism..." (Jim Fuquay, "Texas Incentive Funds Touted By Perry Draw Praise, Criticism," [Fort Worth] [Star Telegram](#) 8/26/11)

Perry Spent Over \$4 Million In Taxpayer Money For His Security Detail On Out Of State Trips

Taxpayers Have Covered "More Than \$3.1 Million" In Out-Of-State Travel Costs And Expenses For His DPS Security Detail Between His 2010 Reelection And The End Of May 2014. "Taxpayers, however, picked up the tab for the security detail. The state pays for security on all Perry's travels, even though his direct costs are usually picked up by his campaign or other means, such as the interests associated with BentProp in this case. ... The latest DPS report covered March through May, plus lingering costs from trips that occurred earlier. ... The latest expenses push Perry's security detail costs for out-of-state trips to more than \$3.1 million since his 2010 re-election." (Peggy Fikac, "Gov. Perry Security On Palau Trip Cost Nearly \$50,000," [Houston Chronicle](#), 7/16/14)

- **"Of That, \$1.8 Million Occurred From August 2011 Through January 2012, When Perry Unsuccessfully Sought The GOP Nomination For President."** (Peggy Fikac, "Gov. Perry Security On Palau Trip Cost Nearly \$50,000," [Houston Chronicle](#), 7/16/14)

Texas Taxpayers Spent Roughly \$1 Million For Security Costs During The 23 Foreign Trips Taken By Perry Between 2004 And 2010. "Taxpayers spent close to \$1 million in security costs for 23 foreign trips by GOP Gov. Rick Perry and his wife over seven years, according to records obtained under the Public Information Act by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News. The actual security tab for 2004-2010 is higher than the \$928,477.71 listed in records provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which includes the Executive Protection Bureau, for trips made by the Perrys, together or separately." (Peggy Fikac, "\$1 Million For Perrys Security Over 7 Years," [Houston Chronicle](#) 10/15/10)

Perry Repeatedly Billed Taxpayers For Trips Seemingly Unrelated To His Official Duties

In 2005, Taxpayer Money Was Used On Scuba Equipment And Golf Carts During A Trip To The Bahamas. "More detailed records used to be available; for example, records showed expenditures in 2005 for golf cart and scuba diving equipment during a trip to the Bahamas." (Patricia Kilday Hart, "Perry Link Travel Secrecy To School Bill," [Houston Chronicle](#) 6/20/11)

In October 2009, Perry Billed The State \$12,321 For Security Costs For A Trip To Las Vegas To Attend His Son's Bachelor Party And Visit With A Republican Candidate For Governor. "Gov. Rick Perry's went to Vegas on Oct. 24 to attend a bachelor party dinner for his son - oh yes, and to also meet with Brian Sandoval, a Republican candidate for Nevada's governor. The cost for his security detail for the overnight trip - overtime, hotel, airfare, rental cars - was \$12,321, according to documents just released by the Department of Public Safety." (Christy Hoppe, "Rick Perry s Cost For Leaving Las Vegas," [Dallas Morning News](#) 1/7/10)

In June 2010, Texas Taxpayers Spent "More Than" \$129,000 For Security For Perry During A 12-Day Trip To Asia. "Officers who protect Gov. Rick Perry on out-of-state trips cost taxpayers more than

\$129,000 for his 12-day trip to Asia in June, according to figures obtained by The Associated Press on Monday.” (Kelley Shannon, “Perry’s 12 Day Asia Trip Cost \$129,000 For Security,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/20/10)

Gov. Perry Rented A 6,400 Square Foot House In An Exclusive Community Near Austin, Costing Texas Taxpayers Over \$100,000 In Rent Each Year:

Taxpayers Spend \$108,000 A Year On The Rent On Perry’s “Estate.” “The taxpayers shell out \$108,000 a year to rent [Gov. Perry] an estate west of Austin, and spend another \$168,000 on chefs, stewards and housekeepers for the Perrys’ creature comforts.” (R.G. Ratcliffe, “Perry’s A Long Way From The Cotton Farm,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 7/26/09)

The 6,386 Square Foot House Sits On More Than Three Acres In An “Exclusive” Community In West Austin. “The 6,386-square-foot rental sits on more than three acres in the exclusive Estates Above Lost Creek in West Austin.” (Jay Root, “Despite Budget Woes, State Pays Big Bucks For Perry Home,” [The Associated Press](#) 5/17/10)

Perry Moved Into The Estate After The Governor’s Mansion Burned Down In 2008. “The Texas Governor’s Mansion was a combination museum and full-time residence until the Perrys moved to a 4,602-square-foot house rented by the state for \$9,000 a month while the official mansion underwent renovations. The mansion subsequently was hit by an unsolved arson last year.” (R.G. Ratcliffe, “Perry’s A Long Way From The Cotton Farm,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 7/26/09)

As Of May 2010, Perry Had Spent “Almost \$600,000” In Public Money To Live At The Estate. “With the state facing a budget shortfall of at least \$11 billion, Texas Gov. Rick Perry has spent almost \$600,000 in public money during the past two years to live in a sprawling rental home in the hills above the capital, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.” (Jay Root, “Despite Budget Woes, State Pays Big Bucks For Perry Home,” [The Associated Press](#) 5/17/10)

Mansion Employees Cost Taxpayers \$195,770 Each Year. “Along with a steward, the salaries for the five mansion employees cost taxpayers \$195,770 a year, records show.” (Jay Root, “Despite Budget Woes, State Pays Big Bucks For Perry Home,” [The Associated Press](#) 5/17/10)

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- **In 2010, A Perry Spokesperson Explained That Due To Tight State Finances, Perry Now Only Had One Full-Time Chef, With A Second One Working Part Time.** “The governor’s staff said Perry, who earns \$150,000 a year as governor, has cut back on some luxuries in response to the state’s tight finances. Spokeswoman Allison Castle said he has just one housekeeper, one full-time chef although a second chef works part time and a mansion administrator who left and was not replaced.” (Jay Root, “Despite Budget Woes, State Pays Big Bucks For Perry Home,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/17/10)

A Separate “Mansion Fund” – Financed By Campaign Contributions –Spent Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars On Parties, Food, And Drinks Since Perry Moved Into The Estate

In May 2010, It Was Reported That A Separate, Campaign-Financed “Mansion Fund” Has Spent Over \$130,000 Since Perry Moved In. “With the state facing a budget shortfall of at least \$15 billion, Gov. Rick Perry has spent almost \$600,000 in public money during the past two years to live in a sprawling rental home in the hills above the capital, according to records obtained by The Associated Press. ... Perry has also spent \$130,000 in campaign donations to throw parties, buy food and drink, and pay for cable TV and a host of other services since he moved in, the records show. ... For the 28 months from September 2007 through the end of 2009, the campaign-funded ‘Mansion Fund’ has incurred costs

of more than \$130,000, including more than \$56,000 for food and beverages.” (Jay Root, “Despite Budget Woes, State Pays Big Bucks For Perry Home,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/17/10)

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Perry Has Billed Taxpayers Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars For His Indictment Legal Defense

Through August 2014, Perry Had Spent \$133,000 To Hire Attorneys To Defend Him Against His Indictment On Public Corruption Charges. “Gov. Rick Perry has billed taxpayers \$133,000 to hire several lawyers to defend him against public corruption allegations, his office confirmed Friday. That’s more lawyers and more state money spent than previously disclosed.” (Jay Root, “Taxpayer Tab Grows For Perry’s Defense,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/29/14)

“After Perry Was Criticized About The Taxpayer Expenditures, The Governor’s Office Announced He Would Use Campaign Funds From Now On To Compensate His Legal Team.” (Jay Root, “Taxpayer Tab Grows For Perry’s Defense,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/29/14)

Perry Received Numerous Political Donations From Entities With A Financial Interest In The Trans-Texas Corridor

H.B. Zachry, A Construction Company Involved In The Project, Contributed \$10,000 To Perry Between 1998 And 2000 And Has Contributed \$25,000 Each Year Since Perry Took Office. “H.B. Zachry, whose San Antonio construction company is a partner in the [Trans-Texas Corridor] project, began giving annual contributions of \$10,000 after Mr. Perry was elected lieutenant governor in 1998. After Mr. Perry succeeded Mr. Bush as governor, the contributions grew to at least \$25,000 a year.” (Wayne Slater, “\$10M From Perry’s Elite,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 8/17/06)

Two Other Construction Companies With Contracts From The Trans-Texas Corridor First Contributed \$25,000 To Gov. Perry While He Was Lt. Governor. “Two other construction executives whose companies have state contracts as part of Mr. Perry’s toll-road initiative (the Trans-Texas Corridor) - James Dannenbaum and James Pitcock, both of Houston - first gave \$25,000 contributions to Mr. Perry when he was lieutenant governor.” (Wayne Slater, “\$10M From Perry’s Elite,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 8/17/06)

A Company That Headed A Consortium To Develop The Trans-Texas Corridor Gave \$12,500 To Gov. Perry In 2002 And A Member Of Another Consortium Have Given Gov. Perry \$25,000 A Year. “A review of campaign records indicates that Fluor Enterprises Inc., which headed one consortium whose bid to develop the project was not selected by the state, gave \$12,500 to Mr. Perry in 2002. Another unsuccessful consortium included the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins, which is among Mr. Perry’s \$25,000-a-year givers.” (Wayne Slater, “\$10M From Perry’s Elite,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 8/17/06)

Gov. Perry Received Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars In Contributions From Toll Consulting Firm HNTB Holdings. “Although highway administrators have declared Perry’s Trans-Texas Corridor project dead, the governor continues to collect from toll-road interests \$25,000 from the political action committee for Houston construction executive James Dannenbaum and \$22,000 from toll consulting giant HNTB Holdings.” (Wayne Slater, “Perry Pulling In Big Bucks From Austin Political Interests,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 11/30/09)

During His Time In Government Service, Perry Has Profited From Insider Real Estate Tips From Supporters

Records Show That Perry Made \$2 Million In Pre-Tax Profits On Real Estate Deals Since 1991.

“When he first entered the Legislature, the Haskell County native was still working on the family ranch, farming cotton and ranching cattle. But he’s made most of his wealth buying and selling real estate earning him about \$2 million in pretax profits since 1991, records and interviews show.” (Jay Root, “Perry’s Wealth Fueled By Land Deals, Investments,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/26/09)

- **“The Bottom Line Is, All Of The Real Estate Deals That Made Perry Money Occurred Because Of An Insider’s Tip.”** (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)
- **Houston Accountant Bob Martin: “He Just Manages To Fall Into These Deals Over The Years. It Looks Like His Net Worth Increased While He Was In Office, In The Relative Scheme Of Things, On A Small Salary.”** (Jay Root, “Perry’s Wealth Fueled By Land Deals, Investments,” [The Associated Press](#) 9/26/09)

Houston Chronicle: “Almost Everyone Who Steered Perry To His Money-Making Deals Has Seen Rewards From Texas Government.” “However, almost everyone who steered Perry to his money-making deals has seen rewards from Texas government. Six received key state government appointments or jobs. Two benefited from government actions that had the potential to enhance their real estate holdings. Another was poised to get a state grant for his business until the deal fell through.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

In 2001, Perry Bought A Plot Of Land For Far Below Market Value From A Prominent Supporter And Then Sold The Land Six Years Later To An Associate Of The Supporter For Far Above Market Price

In 2001, Perry Bought A Half Acre Lot For \$300,000 From San Antonio Financier Doug Jaffe. “The most recent controversy involved .56 acres at Horseshoe Bay that never was put into the trust. Perry bought the lot in 2001 through childhood friend state Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, for \$300,000, but the actual seller was San Antonio financier Doug Jaffe.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#), 8/23/10)

- **Jaffe Made His Fortune Selling So-Called Aviation “Hush Kits” To Clients Such As Romania’s Ceausescu Regime And “Notoriously Repressive” Liberian President Samuel Doe.** “Doug Jaffe found success in the vending machine business and made a fortune selling ‘hush kits’ that allowed older commercial jets to meet government noise restrictions. His worldwide client list included the government of Nicolae Ceausescu, communist dictator of Romania, and Samuel Doe, a notoriously repressive president of Liberia.” (James Drew, Steve McGonigle And Ryan McNeill, “Murky Land Deals Mark Gov. Rick Perry’s Past,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 7/25/10)
- **Jaffe Was Investigated In 1989 By Congress Over An Oil Venture With Then-Speaker Jim Wright That Netted Him \$150,000 Despite Producing Nothing In Exchange For Wright Supporting A \$3 Billion Military Aircraft Bid.** “In 1989, numerous press accounts reported that a congressional ethics committee investigating House Speaker Jim Wright subpoenaed both Jaffes to testify about an East Texas oil exploration venture that, despite producing nothing, earned Wright about \$150,000. The Jaffes disputed allegations that they helped enrich Wright so that he would support a bid by one of their companies to win a \$3 billion military aircraft contract.” (James Drew, Steve McGonigle And Ryan McNeill, “Murky Land Deals Mark Gov. Rick Perry’s Past,” [Dallas Morning News](#) 7/25/10)

Houston Chronicle: “Perry Sold The Lot In 2007 To One Of Jaffe’s Business Associates For \$1.15 Million.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

- **The Deal Netted Perry A Profit Of More Than \$820,000.** “Perry sold the property in March 2007 for \$1.14 million for a profit of \$823,766, tax records show.” (Jay Root, “Perry’s Wealth Fueled By Land Deals, Investments,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/26/09)
- **“The Dallas Morning News Hired Appraisers Who Said Perry Got The Land For \$150,000 Below Market And Sold It For \$350,000 Above The Market Price For Comparable Real Estate.”** (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

In Between Buying And Selling The Lot, Perry Approved A \$2.5 Million Grant To A Jaffe Company. “In between, Perry’s office approved a \$2.5 million grant to an aircraft company that included Jaffe as a founding investor, but the money never was delivered because the company did not meet job-growth commitments.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

In 1993, Perry Was Directed By A Prominent Supporter To Buy A Plot Of Land In Austin Critical To The Construction Of A Mansion Being Built By Michael Dell, Netting Perry A \$343,000 Profit

In 1991, Austin Real Estate Developer Tim Timmerman, A Perry Friend, Directed Him To Purchase A 9.3 Acre Plot Of Land In Austin For \$122,000 “That Became Critical To The Construction Of A 33,000-Square-Foot Home Being Built By Computer Millionaire Michael Dell.” “The Horseshoe Bay transaction was similar to a 1993 real estate deal to which Perry was directed by an old friend named Tim Timmerman, an Austin real estate developer, who, like Perry, is a Texas A&M graduate. Timmerman did not respond to requests for an interview. Timmerman steered Perry into paying \$122,000 for a 9.3 acre plot that became critical to the construction of a 33,000-square-foot home being built by computer millionaire Michael Dell.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#), 8/23/10)

- **“Perry Sold The Land To Dell Two Years Later At A Profit Of \$343,000.”** (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#), 8/23/10)
- **“Timmerman Has Given Almost \$69,000 To Perry’s Campaign Funds This Decade And Serves On His Finance Committee.”** (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

Perry Appointed Timmerman To The Board Of The Lower Colorado River Authority In 2008. “In 2008, Perry appointed Timmerman to the LCRA board of directors.” (Joe Holley, “Business Deals Eclipse Governor’s Race,” [Houston Chronicle](#) 8/23/10)

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Gov. Perry Officially Retired In January 2011 So He Could Receive Over \$90,000 In Pension Money Each Year While Collecting His Gubernatorial Salary

In January 2011 Gov. Perry “Officially Retired ... So He Could Start Collecting His Lucrative Pension Benefits Early” While Still Collecting His Gubernatorial Salary. “Rick Perry has done something his opponents have been hoping he’d do for years: retire. But it’s not what the governor’s detractors had in mind. Perry officially retired in January so he could start collecting his lucrative pension benefits early, but he still gets to collect his salary and has in turn dramatically boosted his take-home pay.” (Jay Root, “Perry ‘Retires To Boost Pension Pay,” [Texas Tribune](#) 12/16/11)

Gov. Perry, Who Makes \$150,000 A Year As Governor, Received An Additional \$7,698 A Month From His Retirement Annuity On A Pre-Tax Basis. “Perry makes a \$150,000 annual gross salary as Texas governor. Now, thanks to his early retirement, Perry, 61, gets a monthly retirement annuity of \$7,698 before taxes, or \$6,588 net. That raises his gross annual salary to more than \$240,000.” (Jay Root, “Perry ‘Retires To Boost Pension Pay,” [Texas Tribune](#) 12/16/11)

CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

In 2001, Perry Said He Was “Intrigued And Open To The Bush Administration's Amnesty Proposal” And Expressed Support For “A More Seamless, Transparent Border” With Mexico

In A Dallas Morning News Letter To The Editor, Perry Wrote That He Was “Intrigued And Open To The Bush Administration's Amnesty Proposal.” “I take strong issue with a news report in The Dallas Morning News mischaracterizing my position on amnesty for undocumented immigrants from Mexico. The truth is, I am intrigued and open to the Bush administration's amnesty proposal. Most Texans would agree that it's better to have legal, taxpaying immigrants from Mexico working in the United States than illegal immigrants living in fear of the law and afraid to access basic services.” (Rick Perry, Letter to the Editor, “Perry On Amnesty,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 7/28/01)

Perry: “The Goal Of A More Seamless, Transparent Border Could Become A Reality.” “I have long advocated closer ties with Mexico ... If Mexico implements the reforms President Fox wants and develops a stronger middle class, the goal of a more seamless, transparent border could become a reality.” (Rick Perry, Letter to the Editor, “Perry On Amnesty,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 7/28/01)

Perry Claimed An Amnesty Proposal Could Benefit Texas And Welcomed “The Opportunity To Participate In The Development Of This Initiative.” PERRY: “Any amnesty proposal must be thoroughly debated and analyzed before implementation and should include input from all border states. Such a plan could benefit our state and countless Mexican families seeking a better life. I applaud President Bush for initiating a public dialogue on this important issue and welcome the opportunity to participate in the development of this initiative.” (Rick Perry, Letter to the Editor, “Perry On Amnesty,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 7/28/01)

Perry Publicly Opposed Arizona’s Controversial Immigration Law

The Associated Press: Perry Opposes Arizona’s Immigration Law Because It Would Not “Be Right For Texas.” “Arizona's tough new illegal immigration enforcement law would not be right for Texas, Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday, upholding the state’s long-held tradition of rejecting harsh anti-immigrant policies.” (“Texas Gov Arizona Immigration Law Not Right For Texas,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/29/10)

- **“I Have Concerns With Portions Of The Law Passed In Arizona And Believe It Would Not Be The Right Direction For Texas.”** (“Texas Gov Arizona Immigration Law Not Right For Texas,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/29/10)

Perry Signed Legislation Making Texas The First State To Offer In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants

Perry Signed A Bill In June 2001 That Made Texas The First State To Offer In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants. A bipartisan coalition in Texas pushed for new policies there, culminating in June (2001) when Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, signed a bill to make Texas the first state to offer undocumented immigrants in-state tuition." (John Gehring, "Undocumented Grads To Get Tuition Breaks From Calif. Institutions," [Education Week](#) 10/31/01)

In 2007, Perry Said He Would Oppose Efforts To Repeal The Law. "Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday he will oppose efforts to repeal a law, which he signed six years ago, giving tuition breaks to illegal immigrants attending state universities." (Clay Robison And R.G. Ratcliffe, "Perry To Stick By Law Giving Tuition Breaks To Illegal Immigrants," [Houston Chronicle](#), 1/12/07)

- **Perry: "I'm For Leaving The Law Like It Is Because I Think It Serves A Good Purpose."** (Clay Robison And R.G. Ratcliffe, "Perry To Stick By Law Giving Tuition Breaks To Illegal Immigrants," [Houston Chronicle](#), 1/12/07)

Perry Continued To Support The Law In 2010. "Even so, Gov. Rick Perry supports the law aiding illegal immigrant students. In a recent debate, he said the students are on the path to citizenship." (Katherine Leal Unmuth, "Number Of Illegal Immigrants Getting In State Tuition For Texas Colleges Rises," [Dallas Morning News](#), 3/15/10)

During The Fall Semester Of 2009, Over 12,000 Students Took Advantage Of The Law. "During the fall semester, 12,138 students - about 1 percent of all Texas college students - benefited from the state law granting in-state tuition, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Most of the immigrants among those students are illegal, and some others are not legal permanent residents or U.S. citizens." (Katherine Leal Unmuth, "Number Of Illegal Immigrants Getting In State Tuition For Texas Colleges Rises," [Dallas Morning News](#) 3/15/10)

- **Recipients Collected Roughly \$33 Million In Financial Aid Between Fall 2004 And Summer 2008.** "Texas awarded about \$33.6 million in state and institutional financial aid to those students between fall 2004 and summer 2008." (Katherine Leal Unmuth, "Number Of Illegal Immigrants Getting In State Tuition For Texas Colleges Rises," [Dallas Morning News](#) 3/15/10)

Perry, On Those Who Differ With His Position: "I Don't Think You Have A Heart." PERRY: "If you say that we should not educate children who have come into our state for no other reason than they've been brought there by no fault of their own, I don't think you have a heart. ... I still support it greatly." (Rick Perry, GOP Presidential Debate, Orlando, FL, 9/22/11)

While Supporting In-State Tuition Rates For Texas, Perry Does Not Support A Similar Law At The Federal Level. "In 2001, Perry signed into law the first state 'DREAM Act,' which allows children of illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition at state universities as long as they graduated from a Texas high school and are working toward attaining citizenship. Although criticized for it by some conservatives and some elements of the Tea Party, Perry stands by it, while opposing such a law on the federal level. 'To punish these young Texans for their parents' actions is not what America has always been about,' he said." (John DiStaso, "Perry Gives First NH Interview," [The Union Leader](#), 7/24/11)

Perry Opposed Employers Verifying Immigration Status

Perry Opposes Requiring Employers To Check The Immigration Status Of Their Employees. "Perry opposes E-verify, which is a program requiring employers to check the legal status of new hires. It has been very effective in stopping the hiring of illegals, but Perry does not support requiring private businesses to use it, and he doesn't want state agencies in Texas to use it, either. 'E-verify would not make a hill of beans' difference in what's happening today,' Perry said in a 2010 debate." (Byron York, "Will Immigration Cripple Rick Perry s Bid?" [Washington Examiner](#), 9/8/11)

- **A 2011 Study Estimated That 40 Percent Of New Jobs In Texas Over The Previous Four Years Went To Illegal Immigrants.** “[A] new report suggests that newly-arrived immigrants have filled a majority of new jobs created in Texas, home to Republican frontrunner Gov. Rick Perry. ‘Of jobs created in Texas since 2007, 81 percent were taken by newly arrived immigrant workers (legal and illegal),’ says the report from the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that advocates reduced levels of both legal and illegal immigration. The report estimates that about 40 percent of the new jobs were taken by illegal immigrants...” (Byron York, “Study Most New Texas Jobs Went To Immigrants,” [Washington Examiner](#), 9/22/11)

National Review’s Rich Lowry: “Perry Is Shooting Holes In The Hull Of The U.S.S. Enforcement And Demanding That The Feds Bail Faster.” “Perry can ostentatiously send Texas Rangers to the border and lambaste the federal government’s failures, but none of it matters if it’s relatively easy for illegals to find a job. Another border state, Arizona, implemented the E-Verify system requiring employers to check the immigration status of prospective employees. It led to a dramatic reduction in the population of illegals, many of whom have, no doubt, decamped to Texas. So long as he doesn’t implement E-Verify, Perry is shooting holes in the hull of the U.S.S. Enforcement and demanding that the feds bail faster.” (Rich Lowry, “Rick Perry’s Border Problem,” [National Review](#), 9/27/11)

Perry Called A Border-Length Fence With Mexico A “Preposterous Idea” And “Idiocy”

In 2006, Perry Called A Border Fence Along The Entire Mexican Border A “Preposterous Idea.” “Gov. Rick Perry told the Texas Border Coalition on Wednesday that erecting a wall to separate the United States from Mexico is a ‘preposterous idea’ and that proposed legislation to deny citizenship to U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants is needlessly divisive.” (John Moritz, “Perry Idea Of Border Fence Preposterous,” *Ft. Worth Star Telegram*, 12/7/06)

- ***Ft. Worth Star-Telegram* Headline: “Perry: Idea Of Border Fence 'Preposterous'”** (John Moritz, “Perry Idea Of Border Fence Preposterous,” *Ft. Worth Star Telegram*, 12/7/06)
- **Perry: “The Only Thing A Wall Would Possibly Accomplish Is To Help The Ladder Business.”** “Now, strategic fencing in certain urban areas to direct the flow of traffic does make sense, but building a wall on the entire border is a preposterous idea. The only thing a wall would possibly accomplish is to help the ladder business.” (Editorial, “Stepping Up The Rhetoric,” *Austin American Statesman*, 12/10/06)

In 2007, Perry “[Called] The Proposed Construction Of A Fence Along The U.S.-Mexico Border ‘Idiocy’” While In Mexico On A Trade Mission. “Texas Gov. Rick Perry criticized the U.S. Congress on Tuesday for failing to make progress on immigration reform, suggesting its members lack ‘maturity’ and calling the proposed construction of a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border ‘idiocy.’ Perry was in Mexico City on a trade mission intended to strengthen Texas and Mexico’s economic ties through trade, investment and energy initiatives, especially renewable energy.” (Paul Kiernan, “U.S. Congress Lacks Maturity To Solve Immigration, Perry Says,” *The Associated Press*, 8/28/07)

- **Perry: “The Idea That You’re Going To Build A 1,200-Mile Wall ... Is Idiocy. It Absolutely Would Not Work.”** (Paul Kiernan, “U.S. Congress Lacks Maturity To Solve Immigration, Perry Says,” *The Associated Press*, 8/28/07)

Perry Proposed An Immigration Reform Plan That Offered 24-Month Visas To Illegal Immigrants Who Pay Taxes And Follow The Law

In Mexico In 2007, Perry Proposed Offering “Renewable, 24-Month Visas” For Illegal Immigrants Who “Paid Taxes And ‘Live Within Our Laws.’” “Regarding immigration reform, Perry highlighted the importance of developing a foolproof biometric identification system to track individuals and to ensure that they pay taxes and ‘live within our laws.’ He suggested offering renewable, 24-month visas for those

who follow such requirements and ‘incarceration and/or deportation’ for those who do not.” (Paul Kiernan, “U.S. Congress Lacks Maturity To Solve Immigration, Perry Says,” *The Associated Press*, 8/28/07)

Perry Supported “Free Flow Of Individuals Between [The U.S. And Mexico] Who Want To Work And Want To Be An Asset To Our Country And To Mexico.” “He added that, under such a system, he would support a ‘free flow of individuals between these two countries who want to work and want to be an asset to our country and to Mexico.’” (Paul Kiernan, “U.S. Congress Lacks Maturity To Solve Immigration, Perry Says,” *The Associated Press*, 8/28/07)

In His 2007 Inaugural Address, Perry Said He Didn’t Think It Was “Realistic To Deport 12 Million People Already Here Illegally”

Perry: “I Do Not Believe It Is Realistic To Deport 12 Million People Already Here Illegally.” PERRY: “Illegal immigration drains the resources of our schools, our hospitals and our law enforcement agencies. But I do not believe it is realistic to deport 12 million people already here illegally.” (Gov. Rick Perry, Inaugural Address, Austin, TX, 1/16/07)

In 2006, Perry And Three Other Border State Governors Co-Authored A Letter Urging Congress To Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Perry Joined With Govs. Napolitano (D-AZ), Richardson (D-NM), And Schwarzenegger (R-CA) In Calling On Congress To Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform. “Four U.S. border governors -- two Republican, two Democratic, all exasperated at Washington -- concluded a conference with their Mexican counterparts Friday by urging federal leaders to ‘do your part’ and pass comprehensive immigration reform before year's end. ‘This is a very important message to the federal government to get their act together,’ said California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He and fellow Republican Gov. Rick Perry of Texas Democratic Govs. Janet Napolitano of Arizona and Bill Richardson of New Mexico signed the letter to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert.” (Peggy Fikac, “Plea Made For Quick Reform On Immigration,” *San Antonio Express News*, 8/26/06)

In 2011, Perry Signed Legislation That Extended The State Sales Tax To Online Retailers Who Have A Physical Presence In Texas

Senate Bill 1, Passed During The 2011 Special Legislative Session, Contained A Provision That Requires Online Retailers Like Amazon.com To Collect Sales Taxes If They Have A Physical Presence In The State. “The 2011 Special Session of the Texas Legislature came to a close yesterday. Among the bills passed and heading for Gov. Rick Perry’s desk is SB 1, which covers a hodge podge of state fiscal matters, most notably education finance. Also in the bill passed yesterday is a provision that requires online retailers, such as Amazon.com, to collect sales taxes if they have a physical presence in the state.” (Alexandra Biesada, “Amazon.com’s Texas Tax Break In Doubt,” *Bizmology*, 6/30/11)

Perry Signed The Measure On July 19, 2011. “Gov. Rick Perry today signed Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2, passed during the special session of the 82nd Legislature...” (Gov. Rick Perry, “Legislative Accomplishments Keep Texas On Path To Prosperity,” [Press Release](#) 7/19/11)

“State Officials Estimate The State Of Texas Is Losing \$600 Million Every Year On Taxable Products That Are Sold Online.” (Thanh Tan, “2011 Veto Watch Perry Kills 24 Bills In One Day,” *The Texas Tribune*, 6/17/2011)

In May 2011, Perry Vetoed A Stand-Alone Bill That Included The Same Provision. “May 31, 2011: Perry vetoes HB 2403. HB 2403 would have taxed online retailers doing business in Texas. ... It passed the House in April and the Senate on May 13. Perry's official objection is as follows: ‘I have serious concerns about the impact and appropriateness of House Bill No. 2403. In particular, I believe this legislation risks significant unintended consequences. ... I believe that a consensus can and should be

reached that balances the competing interests, respects federalism, and is fair and equitable.” (Thanh Tan, “2011 Veto Watch Perry Kills 24 Bills In One Day,” [The Texas Tribune](#) 6/17/2011)

Perry Signed An Expansion Of The State’s Business Tax Structure That Raised Taxes By Billions Of Dollars Per Year

In 2006, Perry Signed Legislation That Dramatically Expanded The State’s Business Tax (Referred To As “Franchise,” “Gross Receipts” Or “Margins” Tax). “On cutting taxes, Perry is taking credit for only half the equation. He could also take credit for increasing taxes more than any other governor in state history. In 2006, the state was facing a judicial mandate to change the unconstitutional way it funded public schools, mostly through property taxes. Under Perry's leadership, a tax swap was created that cut school property taxes by up to one-third. To pay for that, Perry signed a bill that nearly tripled the amount Texas collects from businesses. The tax swap created a net tax decrease, but the new business tax coupled with one added to tobacco still counts as the largest tax increase in Texas.” (Ryan Rusak and Christy Hoppe, “A Fact Check Of Perry s Claim On Taxes, Spending,” [Dallas Morning News](#) 1/9/10)

Resulting Tax Collections Surged From \$5.7 Billion To \$8.7 Billion During The 2008-09 Biennium, Representing A 53% Increase In One Budget Cycle. “The state has now completed three collection cycles under the franchise tax as modified by the Legislature in 2006 ... Collections, partially deposited to General Revenue and the remainder to the Property Tax Relief Fund, in the 2008-09 biennium were \$8.7 billion and for fiscal 2010 were \$3.9 billion. By comparison, in the 2006-07 biennium, under the prior franchise tax provisions (and with all revenue deposited to General Revenue), collections were \$5.7 billion. (2012 13 Biennial Revenue [Estimate](#), Office Of The Comptroller, State Of Texas, 1/11)

- **“For The Upcoming 2012-13 Biennium, An Improving Economy And A Reduced Small Business Provision Will Combine To Produce An 11.3 Percent Gain In Total Franchise Tax Revenue To \$8.8 Billion.”** (2012 13 Biennial Revenue [Estimate](#), Office Of The Comptroller, State Of Texas, 1/11)

Perry’s Tax Increase “Extended [Liability] ... To Include Most Partnerships, Business Associations [And] Trusts,” Capturing An Estimated 180,000 New Taxpayers In 2009 Alone. “The types of businesses subject to the tax have been extended beyond corporations and limited liability companies to include most partnerships, business associations, trusts, and other businesses with liability protection. The extension of taxability to a broader range of businesses, including the affiliates of those businesses, added approximately 180,000 taxpayers, as reflected in the 2009 tax reports.” (2012 13 Biennial Revenue [Estimate](#), Office Of The Comptroller, State Of Texas, 1/11)

Dallas Morning News: “Conservative Talk Shows Have Criticized [Perry’s Tax Plan] As The Largest Tax Increase In State History.” “Supporters of Gov. Rick Perry launched radio ads in Houston on Tuesday, aiming to give political cover to Republicans who voted for an overhaul of the state's business taxes. ... The bill replaces what most lawmakers admit is an outmoded and sieve-like franchise tax, but it imposes \$4 billion in broader-based business taxes. It also lowers homeowner and business property taxes by one-third. In Houston in particular, conservative talk shows have criticized the tax plan as the largest tax increase in state history.” (Christy Hoppe, “Radio Ads In Houston Back Perry Tax Plan,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 4/26/06)

In Addition To The Margins Tax, Perry’s \$1.00 Per Pack Cigarette Tax Increase Helped Raise Tobacco Tax Collections By Roughly 60% To \$3 Billion In 2008-2009. “In 2008-09, the cigarette tax rate will be at \$1.41 per pack in both years, and cigarette and cigar/tobacco products tax collections are expected to total \$3.0 billion, 59.2 percent above the amount collected in the previous biennium.” (2010 11 Biennial Revenue [Estimate](#), Office Of The Comptroller, State Of Texas, 1/09)

Perry Supported Billions In Tax Increases As A State Legislator And Voted For Higher Taxes More Than A Dozen Times

Perry Voted For “Billions Of Dollars Worth” Of Tax Increases While Serving As A State Representative. “To hear him tell it on the presidential campaign trail, Gov. Rick Perry has never met a tax increase he liked. But at home, over a political career that reaches back to the oil price shocks of the 1980s, Mr. Perry has embraced billions of dollars worth of them including a \$528 million tax increase approved in 1990, after he defected to the Republican Party.” (Jay Root, “Despite His Current Vehemence On Taxes, Perry Has A More Nuanced Record,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/26/11)

“During His Six Years In The Legislature, He Voted More Than A Dozen Times To Allow Higher Taxes Or To Raise Them.” (Jay Root, “Despite His Current Vehemence On Taxes, Perry Has A More Nuanced Record,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/26/11)

“[Perry] Repeatedly Joined The Democratic House Majority In Voting To Raise The Sales Tax” And Also Supported Rises In Taxes On Motorists, Corporations And Liquor. “[Perry] repeatedly joined the Democratic House majority in voting to raise the sales tax, which went up to 6.25 percent from 4.125 percent while he was in the House, records show. Taxes on motorists, corporations and liquor also rose during those years, with Mr. Perry’s blessing.” (Jay Root, “Despite His Current Vehemence On Taxes, Perry Has A More Nuanced Record,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/26/11)

As A State Representative, Perry Voted In Favor Of An Estimated \$528 Million Tax Increase In 1990

In 1990, The Texas Legislature Passed A \$528 Million Tax And Fee Increase Package To Pay For Public Education. “The Legislature moved quickly Tuesday on a \$528 million compromise school finance reform plan by easily passing the tax and fee increases needed to pay for it including a quarter-cent state sales tax hike.” (Peggy Fikac, “Texas House, Senate Act On School Finance Reform Compromise,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/5/90)

Compared With Prior Levels, The Bill Raised The Sales Tax By More Than 4%, Raised An Alcohol Tax By 17%, Raised Smokeless Tobacco Taxes By 25%, And Raised Cigarette Taxes By 173%. “The tax measure approved 117-23 by the House and 30-0 by the Senate would: ... Raise the sales tax to 6 1/8 cents on the dollar (it was 5 7/8 cents). ... Raise the cigarette tax by 15 cents a pack, to 41 cents. ... Increase the tax rate on chewing tobacco, snuff and smoking tobacco from 28.125 percent to 35.213 percent of the factory list price. ... Increase the gross receipts tax on the sale of mixed drinks from 12 percent to 14 percent.” (Peggy Fikac, “Texas House, Senate Act On School Finance Reform Compromise,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/5/90)

1990 TAX INCREASE PACKAGE: BY TYPE				
Type Of Tax	Old	New	Nominal Increase	Percent Increase
Sales tax	5.875%	6.125%	0.250%	4.3%
Cigarette tax	\$0.15	\$0.41	\$0.26	173.3%
Smokeless tobacco tax	28.125%	35.213%	7.088%	25.2%
Mixed drinks gross receipts tax	12%	14%	2%	16.7%

Then-State Rep. Perry Voted In Favor Of The Measure. (“How The House Voted On Raising The Sales Tax,” [Dallas Morning News](#), 5/25/90)

Perry Voted In Favor Of An Estimated \$5.7 Billion Tax Increase In 1987

In 1987, Then-State Rep. Perry Supported A State-Record \$5.7 Billion Tax Increase That Was Opposed By Most Republican Legislators. “Mr. Perry cast some votes and took a few stands that seem to be at odds with his fiscal conservatism today. The most vivid example is his support of the \$5.7 billion tax hike in 1987, signed by Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican, opposed by most Republican members. The bill passed the House by a 78-70 vote.” (Jay Root, “Taking A Look At The Governor, Back When He Was A Democrat,” [Texas Tribune](#), 7/15/11)

The Legislation Expanded The Sales Tax (And Increased The Rate By 14% From Prior Levels), Imposed A Yearly “Occupational” Tax, And Raised A Variety Of Other Tax Rates. “The bill raises the sales tax rate from 5 1/4 percent to 6 percent and extends it to some services not been covered in the past. It also imposes an annual \$110 occupational tax on professions ranging from doctor to lawyer to architect and raises the taxes on business franchises, motor vehicles, hotel and motel occupancy and tobacco.” (Peter Applebome, “Texas Legislature Approves Tax Increase Of \$5.7 Billion,” [The New York Times](#) 7/22/87)

The Tax Increase Is “Still The Largest ... In State History.” “In 1987, facing what was then the worst budget shortfall in state history, Mr. Perry voted for what is still the largest tax increase in state history sweeping legislation that raised the sales tax to 6 percent, increased corporate tax rates, pushed up the cigarette tax by more than a nickel per pack and slapped a 7 percent tax on insurance premiums.” (Jay Root, “Despite His Current Vehemence On Taxes, Perry Has A More Nuanced Record,” [Texas Tribune](#) 8/26/11)

1987 The Associated Press Headline: “Texas Tax Increase Sets Record.” (Ken Herman, “Texas Tax Increase Sets Record,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/23/87)

Adjusting For Inflation, The Bill Cost Texas Taxpayers More Than \$11 Billion In 2011 Dollars. “Even without adjusting for inflation, the legislation triggered the largest tax increase ever passed in modern Texas, said Dale Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. Today, taking inflation into account, it would be worth more than \$11 billion.” (Jay Root, “Taking A Look At The Governor, Back When He Was A Democrat,” [Texas Tribune](#), 7/15/11)

As A State Legislator, Perry Encouraged Texans To Start Seriously Thinking About A State Income Tax

June 1987 Abilene Reporter-News Headline: “Perry: Let’s Think About Income Tax.” “It may be arsenic to a politician’s aspirations, but state Rep. Rick Perry says elected officials should be discussing the pros and cons of a state income tax. Perry, D-Haskell ... told area county officials that the state has few financial options left in its bag of economic solutions to ever-increasing spending demands. During a speech to area county officials at a West Central Texas Council of Governments workshop, Perry said the state income tax is one of three options the state has left to solve its financial problems. The other two, he said, are spending cuts, which would bring higher local property taxes, or more increases in the state sales tax, which is now 5.25 cents on the dollar. ‘I’m not advocating an income tax,’ Perry said. ‘There are some bad things about the income tax. We need to start talking about it. Some day this (a state income tax) may be the only thing we’ve got left. We’re fast approaching that day.’” (James Salzer, “Perry Let s Think About Income Tax,” [Abilene Reporter News](#), 6/10/87)

- **“State Rep. Rick Perry, D-Haskell, A Member Of The House Appropriations Committee, Has Said [An Income Tax Is] About The Only Option The State Has Left...”** (James Salzer, “Glasgow s Warning State Income Tax Ahead,” [Abilene Reporter News](#), 8/2/87)

In February 1988, Perry Said It Was Time For “Forward Looking, Intelligent” Texans To Consider An Income Tax, Adding “It’s Something We’ve Got To Look At And It May Be One Of Our Best Options.” “The Texas Workers Compensation Program is ‘broke and needs fixing,’ state Rep. Rick Perry told Abilene Life Underwriters Friday. ... Repeating an old theme, Perry also told the group that the time had arrived when ‘forward looking, intelligent’ Texans should not be afraid to say ‘income tax.’ ‘I’m not saying I’m for it yet. I’m not ready to say that yet. I’m saying it’s something we’ve got to look at and it may be one of our best options. We know what’s happening to property and sales tax,’ he said.” (Judy Bargainer, “Perry Workers Comp Program Needs Fixing,” [Abilene Reporter News](#), 2/6/88)

Gov. Perry's 2013 Budget Was Criticized By Conservatives For Increasing Spending By Over 20 Percent

In 2013, The Wall Street Journal And The TPPF Accused Texas Lawmakers Of Increasing Spending In The Biennium Budget By 26 Percent Over The Previous Session. "In a recent editorial titled 'Texas Goes Sacramento,' the Journal accused the Texas Legislature of going on 'its biggest spending spree in memory.' ... The editorial claimed lawmakers increased spending 26 percent from the previous session, citing figures from the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an influential conservative group." (Aman Batheja, "Pitts, Williams Accuse Wall Street Journal Of 'Fuzzy Math,'" [Texas Tribune](#) 6/12/13)

NOTE: The Legislative Budget Board Put The Total Budget Increase At 3.7 Percent In Nominal Terms. "The Legislative Budget Board puts the increase in state and federal spending at 3.7 percent, although that doesn't take into account \$6 billion in higher education spending that was taken off the books." (Peggy Fikac, "Republicans Bristle Over Budget Criticism," [Houston Chronicle](#) 6/12/13)

Perry Has Grown State Government And Balanced Budgets Through Widely-Recognized "Accounting Tricks" And Gimmickry

Cato Institute In September 2010: Perry "Has Not Cut State Taxes Or Reduced The Size Of State Government." "[Perry] has not cut state taxes or reduced the size of state government. In 2003, he signed into law a package of tax and fee increases. In 2006, he approved a major business tax overhaul that replaced the corporate franchise tax with a modified gross receipts tax [that] ... increased state-level taxes by more than \$3 billion annually." ("Fiscal Policy Report Card On America's Governors 2010," The Cato Institute, 9/30/10)

In 2011, Standard & Poor's Said That Texas Had A Recurring \$8 Billion Structural Budget Deficit That Hurt The State's Credit Rating. "[T]he biggest problem lawmakers left unaddressed is the \$8 billion structural deficit that recurs every two years. The deficit was created by a deal to lower property taxes while transforming the state's business tax. It has never generated as much money as expected. The Standard & Poor's rating agency says the problem hurts Texas' credit rating and is the 'primary source' of the state's budget woes, not slower revenue growth." ("Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems," [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)

Perry's 2011 Budget "Was Balanced Only Through Accounting Maneuvers, Rewriting School Funding Laws ... And Delaying Payments On Bills Coming Due In 2013." "Texas lawmakers started the year promising to make hard choices to solve the largest budget shortfall in the state's history. They delivered one speech after another about not 'kicking the can' down the road. Yet that's exactly what they did. Gov. Rick Perry signed a budget that was balanced only through accounting maneuvers, rewriting school funding laws, ignoring a growing population and delaying payments on bills coming due in 2013. It accomplishes, however, what the Republican majority wanted most: It did not raise taxes, took little from the Rainy Day Fund and shifted any future deficits onto the next Legislature." ("Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems," [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)

- **The Monitor [McAllen, TX]: "A Mixture Of Spending Cuts And Accounting Tricks..."** "Legislators ... crafted a budget using a mixture of spending cuts and accounting tricks, despite Democrats' objections that the result would cost thousands of jobs in the state. The result was a 2012-13 budget that spent \$172 billion, a record \$15 billion reduction from current spending levels that marked the first time in decades that the state didn't fund enrollment growth in state schools." (Jared Janes, "Legislative Session Produces Mixed Results For Valley, Border Region," [The Monitor \[McAllen, TX\]](#), 7/3/11)
- **The Budget Used An Accounting Gimmick In Pushing A \$2.3 Billion Local School Payments - Into The Next Budget Year:** "The first accounting shift was to delay a \$2.3 billion payment owed to public schools in 2012-2013 by one day, so that the bill isn't technically due until 2014, thereby

going into the next budget. The new budget also assumes there will be no growth in the number of school children in Texas, even though it is one of the fastest-growing states in the nation. Critics say the state will short school districts \$2 billion that way.” (“Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems,” [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)

- **The Budget Assumed An Extra \$800 Million Through Phantom Land Value Appreciation:** “Republican leaders came up with another \$800 million on paper by ordering the Legislative Budget Board, essentially the Legislature’s accountants, to forecast a faster increase in land values in order to show more property tax income for schools. While signs do point to a recovering economy, state Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, found the move dishonest.” (“Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems,” [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)
- **The Budget Underfunded Medicaid Reimbursements By \$5 Billion.** “In health care, Medicaid reimbursements were underfunded by \$4.8 billion, the equivalent of funding the entitlement program for only a year and a half. Legislators will take up that issue when they return in 2013.” (Jared Janes, “Legislative Session Produces Mixed Results For Valley, Border Region,” [The Monitor](#) [McAllen, TX], 7/3/11) **The Associated Press: “The Bulk Of [Overall Savings] Came From Accounting Sleight-Of-Hand And Putting Off The Biggest Problems Until Lawmakers Come Back In 2013.”** “Much of the overall savings came through cuts to university and state agency budgets, but the bulk of it came from accounting sleight-of-hand and putting off the biggest problems until lawmakers come back in 2013. At that point, lawmakers will be bound by the balanced budget law to tap the Rainy Day Fund to cover any existing deficit and House rules will require fewer votes to do it.” (“Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems,” [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)
- **“Many Republican Lawmakers Have Complained Privately, And Democrats Publicly, That Perry Has Heavily Influenced The Session To Make Sure Nothing Passed That Would Hurt A Potential Campaign.”** (“Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems,” [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)
- **Perry Enacted “What Will Be The First Cut In Per-Student [Education] Spending In Texas Since World War II.”** “Lawmakers also decided to rewrite the laws that determine how Texas pays for public education, since the Legislature could not afford what the law mandated. They slashed \$4 billion in what will be the first cut in per-student spending in Texas since World War II. Districts must either lay off thousands of teachers and increase class sizes, increase local property taxes or both.” (“Texas Lawmakers Fail To Solve Big Budget Problems,” [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/11)

In 2011 Perry Was Reported To Have Increased Spending At A Faster Rate Than Former Governor George W. Bush:

Through 2011, Under Governor Perry Nominal State Spending Had Grown At A Rate Of More Than 6% Annually. In fiscal 2001, the state of Texas spent roughly \$52 billion. At the end of fiscal 2011, official figures project the state will have spent more than \$95 billion. Over this ten-year period, the annualized rate of growth in state spending comes to more than 6% per fiscal year. (State of Texas, Legislative Budget Board, www.lbb.state.tx.us 10/18/11)

STATE SPENDING	
All Funds Expenditures	
Texas (in 000s)	
FY 2001	\$52,000,419
FY 2011	\$95,451,498
Increase	\$43,451,079
Years	10
CAGR	6.26%

According To A Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* Analysis, Texas' Budget Had "Consistently Grown" Under Perry, "With Total Spending Rising Faster Than Inflation And Population Growth." "Gov. Rick Perry's political stock has soared in recent months as he has traveled the country touting a decade of fiscal restraint in Texas under his leadership. ... Yet before the latest one, the Texas budget had consistently grown during Perry's time as governor, with total spending rising faster than inflation and population growth, state data show." (Aman Batheja, "Texas Spending Kept Rising For Years With Perry As Governor," [Fort Worth] [Star-Telegram](#) 7/18/11)

Despite Having Criticized His Predecessor On Spending Issues, Perry Has Overseen A Greater Average Increase In Spending Than Former Gov. George W. Bush. "What's more, spending through 2011, adjusted for population and inflation, rose more on average while Perry has been in charge than it did under his predecessor, George W. Bush, according to a Star-Telegram analysis. In the past, Perry has criticized Bush for not controlling spending while governor. 'Let me tell you something,' Perry told a small group of Iowa Republicans in 2007 while campaigning for former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who was running for president. 'George Bush was never a fiscal conservative. ... I mean, '95, '97, '99, George Bush was spending money.'" (Aman Batheja, "Texas Spending Kept Rising For Years With Perry As Governor," [Fort Worth] [Star-Telegram](#) 7/18/11)

By 2014, Texas State Debt Had Tripled Under Perry

"Perry Took Office ... Nearly Five Months Into Fiscal Year 2001. At The End Of That Year, Texas Had \$13.7 Billion In Outstanding Bonds And Notes." (Ciara O'Rourke, "White Says Texas Debt Has Doubled Under Perry," [PolitiFact.com](#) 3/4/10)

Total State Debt Was \$44,326,811,000 At The End Of August 2014. (Texas Bond Review Board, Annual Report, 12/14, Table 2.3)

Pundits Have Noted That Texas' Economic Growth Has Been Due To Factors Outside The Control Of Gov. Perry

"When It Comes To Jobs Growth, Texas Has Been Blessed With Three Things ... Geology, Geography And Demography." "[H]ow much of [Texas'] job creation is due to Rick Perry? When it comes to jobs growth, Texas has been blessed with three things, says Dallas Fed senior economist Pia Orennius: geology, geography and demography. Texas' booming energy and petrochemical industries; its ports and proximity to post-NAFTA Mexico; and its steady stream of low-cost labor have combined to fuel above average job growth since 1990, Orennius says. And Perry inherited policies that businesses love: relatively low taxes and regulatory burdens, and pro-business union rules." (Massimo Calabresi, "The Cracks In Rick Perry's Job Growth Record," *Time's* "Swampland" [Blog](#) 6/27/11)

Financial Times: "Long Before [Perry] Came To Office In 2000, Texas Outpaced The Country In Job Growth." "Analysts say that long before the Republican governor came to office in 2000, Texas outpaced the country in job growth. ... "Texas already had most of the building blocks in place before Mr Perry

arrived,” said Mark Jones, Rice University’s political science department chairman. ... That Mr Perry is taking credit for those factors is rankling some Texans.” (Sheila McNulty, “Texans Bridle At Perry Miracle Claims,” [Financial Times](#) 8/18/11)

Texas’ Economic Growth And Labor Force Productivity Were Both Far Below The National Average Between 1999-2009

Texas Ranked 42nd Nationally In Economic Growth Between 1999 And 2009. Texas’ overall economic growth, as measured by per capita gross state product, ranked 42nd nationally between 1999 and 2009. (Michael E. Porter, [Presentation](#), “Texas Competitiveness State And Cluster Economic Performance,” NGA Winter Meeting, 2/26/11)

Texas Ranked 38th Nationally In Labor Force Productivity Between 1999 And 2009. Texas’ labor force productivity, as measured by gross state product growth per labor force participant, ranked 38th nationally between 1999 and 2009. (Michael E. Porter, [Presentation](#), “Texas Competitiveness State And Cluster Economic Performance,” NGA Winter Meeting, 2/26/11)

At The End Of Perry’s Tenure, Nearly One In Five Texans Lives In Poverty

At The End Of Perry’s Governorship, Texas Had The Thirteenth-Highest Poverty Rate In The Nation At Of 17.5 Percent. “Texas has a poverty rate of rate of 17.5%, compared with the national average of 15.8%. Texas has the 13th highest poverty rate in the United States.” (Patrick Gillespie, “3 Things Rick Perry Should Know About Income Inequality,” [CNN Money](#), 12/11/14)

In 2014, About 4.5 Million Texans Lived Below The Poverty Line. “Poverty across the state has changed little over the past two years, with about 4.5 million Texans living below the poverty line, which is \$23,283 for a family of four.” (Patrick Gillespie, “3 Things Rick Perry Should Know About Income Inequality,” [CNN Money](#), 12/11/14)

Texas Was Noted For Its Issues With Rising Income Inequality

At The End Of Perry’s Tenure, The Income Gap In Texas Had “Never Been Bigger,” With “The Incomes Of The Richest 5 Percent Of Households Were 14.3 Times Greater Than Those Of The Poorest 20 Percent.” “Texas is certainly the Lone Star State but it appears to be composed of two different states. One for the wealthy and the other for the impoverished and these states are growing ever further apart. The income gap in Texas has never been bigger. The incomes of the richest 5 percent of households were 14.3 times greater than those of the poorest 20 percent.” (David Martin Davies, “Growing Income Inequality In Texas,” [Texas Public Radio](#), 12/12/14)

“Texas Is One Of Nine States With The Highest Levels Of Income Inequality...” “Texas is one of nine states with the highest levels of income inequality, according to a Census Bureau index. Perry acknowledged in his interview that the wealthiest Texans have earned the most during his tenure.” (Patrick Gillespie, “3 Things Rick Perry Should Know About Income Inequality,” [CNN Money](#), 12/11/14)

Perry Has Said He Is “Fine” With Gay Marriage Laws In Other States Because Of His Belief In The Tenth Amendment

Perry: New York’s New Gay Marriage Law Is “Fine With Me.” GOVERNOR RICK PERRY: “Our friends in New York, six weeks ago, passed a statute that said marriage can be between two people of the same sex. Well, you know what, that's New York and that's their business and that's fine with me.” (Rick Perry, Remarks, Aspen, CO, 7/22/11)

Perry: “You Either Have To Believe In The Tenth Amendment Or You Don’t.” “You either have to believe in the 10th amendment or you don’t,’ Perry said. ‘You can’t believe in the 10th Amendment for a few issues and then something that doesn’t suit you, you say, ‘Well we really rather not have that state decide that.’” (Jay Root, “Perry Says Default Fears Are Overblown,” [Texas Tribune](#), 7/27/11)

In July 2011, Perry Had To Walk Back A Statement Supporting States' Right To Legalize Abortion

In July 2011, Perry Said That He Would Support Allowing States To Make Abortion Legal Should Roe V. Wade Be Overturned. "On Wednesday, Perry said that if Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, was overturned, he would also support allowing states to make the procedure legal or illegal. Perry opposes abortion and same-sex marriage but thinks states should have the right to decide those issues, not the federal government." (Jay Root, "Perry Says Default Fears Are Overblown," [Texas Tribune](#), 7/27/11)

Several Days Later, A Perry Spokeswoman Said He Would Support A Federal Constitutional Amendment Banning Abortion. "His spokeswoman, Katherine Cesinger, said by e-mail today: 'Gov. Perry is proudly pro-life and successfully championed strong pro-life legislation in Texas including parental consent, this year's sonogram bill and a budget that significantly defunds abortions in Texas. The governor has long supported overturning Roe v. Wade, and would support amending the U.S. Constitution, with the backing of Congress and the states, to protect innocent life.'" (Peggy Fikac, "Despite States Rights Stand, Perry Supports Federal Amendment 'To Protect Innocent Life,'" [Houston Chronicle](#) 7/29/11)

While Holding A Firmly Pro-Life Position As Governor, Perry Has A History Of Avoiding Specific Comment On Issues Like Roe v. Wade And RU-486

After RU-486 Was Approved By The FDA In 2000, Perry Declined To Take A Position. "More regulation could be passed during the 2001 legislative session because of RU-486, which is expected to be available in Texas later this month. A spokesman for Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, an influential voice, said Perry is concerned about anything that could encourage more abortions but hasn't had a chance to review the FDA ruling for its ramifications on existing law. He hasn't yet formulated an RU-486 strategy for the coming session." (Leigh Hopper and Todd Ackerman, "In Texas, Abortion Drug Unlikely To 'Cause A Revolution,'" [Houston Chronicle](#), 10/9/00)

In 2002, Perry Declined To Take A Position On Whether Roe V. Wade Should Be Overturned. "As of Tuesday 29 years after the Supreme Court decided Roe vs. Wade none of the candidates in the top four statewide races, even those who are strongly anti-abortion, are willing to say that the landmark decision should be overturned. ... In the governor's race, Republican incumbent Rick Perry opposes abortion except in cases of rape and incest or to protect the life of the woman." (Christy Hoppe, "Abortion Stances Follow Party Line," [The Dallas Morning News](#), 1/22/02)

In 2006, Perry Again Declined To Specifically Say Whether Roe V. Wade Should Be Overturned. "Here's a look at how the major candidates for governor responded to questions about issues of abortions and contraception. ... Should Roe vs. Wade be overturned? ... Perry: The final disposition of Roe vs. Wade is up to Congress or the courts." ("Issue Watch Abortion," [The Dallas Morning News](#), 1/22/06)

In October 2006, The Dallas Morning News Reported That Perry Had Still Not Taken Position On Roe v. Wade. "Rick Perry [:] Declines to weigh in on Roe vs. Wade..." ("Comparing The Candidates," [The Dallas Morning News](#), 10/22/06)

On The Campaign Trail, Perry Denied Writing A Letter In Support Of The Troubled Asset Relief Program In 2008

Perry, In September 2011, On TARP Support: "No Ma'am ... You Saw Wrong." "After an appearance in Newton, Iowa today, Rick Perry denied to an unidentified woman that he'd ever supported the 2008 bank bailout known as TARP. 'No Ma'am,' he told her. 'I thought I saw a letter where you had written encouraging the support of TARP legislation,' she persisted. 'You saw wrong,' he replied flatly..." (Ben Smith, "Perry On TARP Support 'No Ma'am,'" [Politico](#) 9/16/11)

On October 1, 2008, Perry And Gov. Joe Manchin (D-WV) Wrote A Letter To Congressional Leaders Urging Passage Of A Financial Industry Bailout Bill. “Governors and business lobbyists pressured lawmakers Wednesday to pass a \$700 billion U.S. financial industry bailout as top lawmakers prepared for another face-off on the issue this time in the Senate. ‘There is a time for partisanship and there is a time for getting things done,’ Texas Gov. Rick Perry and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin wrote in a letter to members of Congress.” (Pete Yost, “Governors, Business Push For US Bailout Bill,” [The Associated Press](#) 10/1/08)

Perry: “We Strongly Urge Congress To Leave Partisanship At The Door And Pass An Economic Recovery Package.” “Dear Majority Leader Reid: As leaders of our respective organizations, we don't always see eye to eye on policy, but we come together today with one clear purpose. We strongly urge Congress to leave partisanship at the door and pass an economic recovery package. We both believe that it's time to stand together for our country. There is a time for partisanship and there is a time for getting things done. No one likes the hand they've been dealt, and now is not the time to assign blame. It is time for Washington, D.C. to step up, be responsible and do what's in the best interest of American taxpayers and our economy.” (Rick Perry and Joe Manchin, [Letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid](#), 10/1/08)

American Thinker: “Perry Might As Well Have Said ‘I’m Against Bailouts, Now Pass The Bailout Bill.” “Perry has since denied he wanted the bailout to pass, but it's not difficult to see why media and politicians alike saw the Perry-Manchin letter as pro-TARP. ... Obviously hedging his political bets, Perry might as well have said ‘I'm against bailouts, now pass the bailout bill.’” (Joseph Ashby, “The TARP Test,” [American Thinker](#) 9/16/11)

Perry Touted And Promoted An Agriculture Jobs Fund That Had To Be Bailed Out By The State

As Agriculture Commissioner, Gov. Perry Oversaw The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, Which Was Created In 1987 To Give Loans To Entrepreneurs Who Could Not Get Bank Loans. “As agriculture commissioner, Perry oversaw the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, which was created in 1987. The authority was launched to boost the agricultural economy by selling state-backed bonds to guarantee bank loans to entrepreneurs who could not get commercial loans.” (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

- **“The Goal Was To Create Small Businesses And Jobs By Processing — Rather Than Simply Growing — Texas Agricultural Products.”** (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

In 1998 Gov. Perry Said The Program Was Positioned To Thrive And On “Solid Footing.” “Responding to the first hint of problems, Perry said the program was positioned to thrive. In a Jan. 15, 1998, guest column in the Amarillo Daily News, Perry said the program was ‘on solid footing with a positive balance projected by 2010.’” (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

“From 1997 Through 1999, The Texas State Auditor Alerted Officials To Problems In The Program, With The Problems Growing Each Successive Year.” (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

In 1999 The State Auditor Said “Appropriations” May Be Needed In The Future To Meet Its Debt. “In May 1999, though, the auditor’s office warned that if the program’s loan-guarantee program did ‘not improve its financial position, appropriations may be required in the future to meet its general obligation debt.’” (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

In 2002 The Agency Stopped Making New Loans And In 2009 The Texas Legislature Spent \$14.7 Million To Pay Off The Loan Guarantees. “As bad debt accumulated, the agency in 2002 put a moratorium on new loans in five of eight TAFA programs. ... In 2009, the agency asked the Texas

Legislature to pay off the loan guarantees with a \$14.7 million appropriation.” (W. Gardner Selby, [PolitiFact Texas](#) 12/18/11)

Governor Perry Has Repeatedly And Passionately Claimed That Social Security Is A Failure And The Program Should Not Exist

Perry: “Get It Back To The States. Why Is The Federal Government Even In The Pension Program...? Let The States Do It.” PERRY: “When you look at Social Security, it’s broke. ... Get it back to the states. Why is the federal government even in the pension program or the health care delivery program? Let the states do it. ... That, I will suggest to you, is one of the ways this federal government can get out of our business, save a lot of money and get back to that Constitutional way of doing business in those enumerated powers that they’re supposed to have.” (MSNBC’s “Morning Joe,” 11/5/10)

In His Book, *Fed Up!*, Perry Says Social Security Is In Place “At The Expense Of Respect For The Constitution.” “Social Security is something that we’ve been forced to accept for more than 70 years now. ... at the expense of respect for the Constitution and limited government.” (Rick Perry, *Fed Up!*, 2010, p. 50)

- **“By Any Measure, Social Security Is A Failure.”** (Rick Perry, *Fed Up!*, 2010, p. 62)

Perry: “Let The States [Decide] How To Run The Pensions.” PERRY: “There’s a number of things in that book that will strike Americans as horrifying. And we must, as a people, get put back in the box. Get this government back to the limited form that our founding fathers sought. Let the states, whether it is how to run Medicaid, how to run the pensions.” (Fox’s “On The Record With Greta Van Susteren,” 11/8/10)

Perry Says Republicans Agree Social Security Is “Wrong.” PERRY: “Republicans have identified that Social Security is wrong.” (Fox News “Hannity,” 9/21/11)

Perry Called Social Security A Program “That We Don’t Need.” PERRY: “I think every program needs to stand the sunshine of righteous scrutiny. Whether it’s Social Security, whether it’s Medicaid, whether it’s Medicare. You’ve got \$115 trillion worth of unfunded liability in those three. ... And I think we should have a legitimate, honest, national discussion about Washington’s continuing to spend money we don’t have on programs that we don’t need.” (Andrew Romano, “Rick Perry On The Record,” [The Daily Beast](#), 8/12/11)

Gov. Perry Has Questioned Medicare’s Existence

Perry Has Questioned Whether Or Not Medicare Should Exist As A Federal Program. Perry: “Medicare has largely crowded out the market for private health insurance for seniors, and it has done so in a way that has driven up costs that must be paid by future generations. ... Once again, the federal government spends money it doesn’t have on programs that states, individuals, or private companies could likely do cheaper and better.” (Rick Perry, *Fed Up!*, 2010, p. 82)

In Fed Up!, Perry Sharply Opposed The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, Saying It “Just Expanded A Broken Program Further”

Perry In *Fed Up!*: The Medicare Drug Benefit Put “The Federal Government In The Pharmacy Business [And] Just Expanded A Broken Program Further.” “Washington Republicans simply blew the opportunity to demonstrate what conservatism is all about, and why it works ... Medicare Part D: While putting the federal government in the pharmacy business, Medicare Part D just expanded a broken program further and increased unfunded liabilities by \$17 trillion.” (Rick Perry, *Fed Up!*, 2010, p. 144-45)

Perry Criticized The Medicare Drug Benefit As A “Massive Expansion Of Medicare” That Made Our Debt Problems Worse. “Although the debt has been at dangerous levels for years now, Washington has not only ignored the problem, it has made it worse. Both Democrats and Republicans share the blame,

from President Lyndon B. Johnson, who implemented his inaptly named Great Society, which gave us Medicare and Medicaid (among other programs), to my friend George W. Bush, who signed into law large education increases and a massive expansion of Medicare to the tune of more than \$500 billion for prescription drugs.” (Rick Perry, *Fed Up!*, 2010, p. 63)

Perry’s Trans-Texas Corridor Was Opposed By Both Republicans And Democrats, Would Have Used Eminent Domain

The Trans-Texas Corridor Was Perry’s “Brainchild” And Would Create A “4,000-Mile Network Of Multimodal Corridors For Transporting Goods And People By Car, Truck, Rail And Utility Line.”

“The brainchild of Texas’ Republican Governor, Rick Perry, the TTC would, if built, completely transform the state’s highways over the next 50 years, creating a 4,000-mile network of multimodal corridors for transporting goods and people by car, truck, rail and utility line.” (Cathy Booth, “The Next Wave In Superhighways, Or A Big, Fat Texas Boondoggle?,” [Time Magazine](#) 10/28/04)

Each Corridor Would Measure A Quarter Mile Across And Contained 6 Lanes For Cars, 4 Lanes For 18-Wheel Trucks, 6 Rail Lines And A Utility Zone.

“Each corridor would have six lanes for cars, four additional lanes for 18-wheel trucks, half a dozen rail lines and a utility zone for moving oil and water, gas and electricity, even broadband data. The corridors could measure up to a quarter of a mile across.” (Cathy Booth, “The Next Wave In Superhighways, Or A Big, Fat Texas Boondoggle?,” [Time Magazine](#) 10/28/04)

In 2006, The Texas Republican Party Placed Language In Their Official Platform Opposing The Trans-Texas Corridor.

“Because there are issues of confiscation of private land, State and National sovereignty and other similar concerns, we urge the repeal of the Trans-Texas Corridor legislation.” (“2006 State Republican Party Platform,” [Texas Republican Party](#) Accessed On 6/14/11)

In 2006, The Texas Democratic Party Placed Language In Its Official Platform Opposing The Trans-Texas Corridor.

“We oppose the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, a proposal that is little more than an attempt to transfer ownership of a strip down the middle of the state to a foreign corporation with close ties to the Governor, which could have a potentially devastating effect on rural areas, property owners and communities.” (“2006 Texas Democratic Party Platform,” [Texas Democratic Party](#) Accessed On 6/14/11)

The Land For The Trans-Texas Corridor Would Be Obtained By The State Through The Power Of Eminent Domain.

“The delegates are opposed to state acquisition of additional farm and ranch lands for the [Trans-Texas] corridor through the power of eminent domain for the construction of the Corridor.” (“Texas Farm Bureau Delegates Reject Trans Texas Corridor Plan,” [KWTX.com](#) 12/7/04)

The Trans-Texas Corridor Would Have Mainly Taken Farm And Ranch Land Through Eminent Domain.

“The farm bureau endorsed Perry in his previous two runs for governor, but has been at odds with the Republican incumbent over what the bureau says is his lack of action in curbing abuses of eminent domain and protecting private property rights. Farmers have vocally opposed Perry’s Trans-Texas Corridor toll road network that threatens to take farm and ranch land.” (“Hutchison Gets Texas Farm Bureau Endorsement,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/5/09)

Perry Vetoed A 2007 Bill To Strengthen Property Rights And Signed A 2005 Anti-Eminent Domain Bill That Specifically Excluded The Trans-Texas Corridor

In 2007, Perry Vetoed A Bill Designed To Protect Landowners From Eminent Domain By Expanding Damages A Land Owner Could Recover From The Proceedings.

“One Central Texas farmer says he was ‘dumbfounded’ by Gov. Rick Perry’s veto of an eminent domain bill designed to protect landowners when the state wants to take their property. (...) One reason Perry gave for vetoing the bill was that it would have expanded damages a landowner could recover to include diminished

access to roads from remaining property when a portion of the property is condemned, according to a release from Perry's office." (Betsy Blaney, "Farmers Upset Over Eminent Domain Veto," [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/07)

The Bill Passed The Texas House With Over 80% Support And Unanimously Passed The State Senate. "After the bill passed both houses 125 of 150 votes in the House and unanimously in the Senate - Perry's office heard from most fast-growing cities and counties asking him to veto the bill; the cost of constructing state and local projects would have increased by more than \$1 billion, the release stated." (Betsy Blaney, "Farmers Upset Over Eminent Domain Veto," [The Associated Press](#) 6/24/07)

In 2005, Perry Signed A Bill That Prohibited Local Governments From Using Eminent Domain For For-Profit Economic Development, But The Trans-Texas Corridor Was Exempted From This Law By Name. "The U.S. Supreme Court couldn't have done anything more to get the attention of Texans this summer when it ruled local governments could condemn private property for use by for-profit economic development projects. ... It took only weeks for the Texas Legislature to respond with Senate Bill 7, approved during an August special session and aimed at prohibiting Texas governments from doing the same thing to property owners here. ... At first, it would appear Perry is shooting his favorite project, the Trans Texas Corridor, in the head. ... Not really. For starters, SB 7 protects the Trans Texas Corridor by name. The Texas Department of Transportation will be able to condemn land for the toll road corridors, including scenic easements." (Bill Hendricks, "The Dust Is Far From Settled On Eminent Domain," [San Antonio Express News](#) 10/20/05)

While Governor, Perry Made An Unsuccessful Attempt To Require That Sixth-Grade Girls Receive A Sexually Transmitted Disease Vaccine As A Condition Of School Enrollment

In 2007, Perry Issued An Executive Order Mandating That All Sixth-Grade Girls In Texas Receive A Controversial STD Vaccine Called Gardasil. "Perry chose to bypass the legislature and on Feb. 2, 2007, he issued an executive order making Texas the first state in the country requiring all sixth-grade girls to receive the three-shot [Gardasil, produced by Merck] vaccination series ... Conservatives slammed Perry for promoting what they saw as an intrusion by the state into private health decisions of parents and their children." (Tom Bevan, "Rick Perry s Gardasil Problem," [Real Clear Politics](#) 6/4/11)

- **"Perry Found An Unlikely Ally In *The New York Times* Editorial Page, Which Congratulated Him On The Decision."** (Tom Bevan, "Rick Perry s Gardasil Problem," [Real Clear Politics](#) 6/4/11)

The GOP-Dominated Texas Legislature Overturned The Order By A Combined 149-22 Vote. (Tom Bevan, "Rick Perry s Gardasil Problem," [Real Clear Politics](#) 6/4/11)

The National Vaccine Information Center And The Journal Of American Medicine Have Raised Questions About The Safety Of Gardasil. "[T]wo years later the National Vaccine Information Center issued a report raising serious questions over the harmful side effects of the drug. A few months after that, an editorial on Gardasil in the Journal of the American Medical Association declared that 'serious questions regarding the overall effectiveness of the vaccine' needed to be answered and that more long-term studies were called for." (Tom Bevan, "Rick Perry s Gardasil Problem," [Real Clear Politics](#) 6/4/11)

Former Perry Chief Of Staff Mike Toomey Was A Lobbyist For Merck When Perry Issued The Order Mandating Gardasil For Sixth-Grade Girls. "Mr. Toomey was a lobbyist for Merck when Mr. Perry issued a 2007 executive order requiring sixth-grade girls in Texas to be vaccinated against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, the leading cause of cervical cancer. At the time, the only approved vaccine was Gardasil, made by Merck." (Ross Ramsey, "Perry s Legion The Folks Behind The Man," [Texas Tribune](#) 7/31/11)

In 2006, Merck Contributed \$5,000 To Perry's Campaign On The Same Day Perry's Chief Of Staff "Met With Key Aides" To Discuss The HPV Vaccine. "Gov. Rick Perry's chief of staff met with key aides about the human papillomavirus vaccine the same day its manufacturer donated money to his campaign,

documents obtained by *The Associated Press* show. Chief of staff Deirdre Delisi's calendar shows she met with the governor's budget director and three members of his office for an 'HPV Vaccine for Children Briefing' on Oct. 16. That day, New Jersey-based Merck & Co.'s political action committee donated \$5,000 to Perry and \$5,000 total to eight state lawmakers." (Liz Austin Peterson, "Perry Staff Discussed Vaccine On Day Of Merck Donation," [The Associated Press](#) 2/22/07)

In 1993, While Serving As Agriculture Commissioner, Perry Wrote A Letter To First Lady Hillary Clinton Praising Her Efforts On Health Care Reform

Perry, To The First Lady: "I Think Your Efforts In Trying To Reform The Nation's Health Care System Are Most Commendable." "Dear Mrs. Clinton: I think your efforts in trying to reform the nation's health care system are most commendable. The Task Force on National Health Care Reform consists of many entities representing all types of health care providers and citizens. I would like to request that the task force give particular consideration to the needs of the nation's farmers, ranchers, agriculture workers, and other members of rural communities." (Rick Perry, Letter to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, 4/6/93)

Perry, To The First Lady: "Your Efforts Are Worthy." "Again, your efforts are worthy, and I hope you will remember this constituency as the task force progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance." (Rick Perry, Letter to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, 4/6/93)

During His 2002 Campaign For Governor, Perry Supported A Small Business Health Insurance Exchange

Perry Proposed The Creation Of A "Health Insurance Risk Pool" That Would Give Small Businesses The Ability To Purchase Insurance Through The Program. "To accomplish this goal, Governor Perry will: ... Redesign the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool or other appropriate pool to allow small employers to purchase health insurance through the pool. Employers with up to nine employees could purchase health insurance through this program." ("Governor Rick Perry's Proposals For Building A Healthy Texas," [Perry for Governor](#) Website, 5/02)

Health Insurance Exchanges "Allow Individuals And Small Businesses To Band Together And Get Better Prices And More Variety In Health Insurance Options." "The legislation also would set up new places to shop for health insurance. They would be called 'exchanges,' and they're the subject of this piece. ... Theoretically, they'd allow individuals and small businesses to band together and get better prices and more variety in health insurance options the kinds of breaks that big corporations can negotiate for their employees today." (Peter Grier, "Health Care Reform Bill 101 What's A Health Exchange?" [Christian Science Monitor](#) 3/20/10)

Perry Has Been An Enthusiastic Supporter Of The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

In 1999, As Lieutenant Governor, Perry "Supported The Creation Of The Children's Health Insurance Program" Through The Use Of \$179 Million In Tobacco Settlement Funds. "In 1999, Lt. Governor Perry supported the creation of the Children's Health Insurance Program and backed \$179 million in tobacco settlement funds to provide low-cost health insurance for children of working families." (Gov. Rick Perry, "Leadership, Experience, Vision," [Perry For Governor 2002](#) P. 11, 2002)

In 2001, Perry Supported A \$263 Million Expansion Of SCHIP. "In 2001, Governor Perry also supported expanding the CHIP program by authorizing another \$263 million for the program." (Gov. Rick Perry, "Leadership, Experience, Vision," [Perry For Governor 2002](#) P. 11, 2002)

In 2005, Perry Signed A Bill Creating A Renewable Energy Mandate

In 2005, Perry Signed A Bill Mandating That Texas Receive 5,880 Megawatts Of Renewable Energy Capacity By 2015. “But Mr. Perry has added to that. In 2005, he signed a bill requiring Texas to have 5,880 megawatts of renewables capacity by 2015.” (Kate Galbraith, “As Governor, Perry Backed Wind, Gas And Coal,” [The New York Times](#) 8/21/11)

In 2011, The Estimated Cost To Texans Was \$6.79 Billion To Build New Wind Transmission Lines Across The State, Which Is An Increase Of 38 Percent From When The Project Was First Approved In 2008. “The cost of building thousands of miles of transmission lines to carry wind power across Texas is now estimated at \$6.79 billion, a 38 percent increase from the initial projection three years ago. ... In 2008, when the Public Utility Commission approved the project, it was estimated at \$4.93 billion.” (Kate Galbraith, “Cost Of Texas Wind Transmission Lines Nears \$7 Billion,” [Texas Tribune](#), 8/24/11)

- ***Texas Tribune: “The Charges Could Amount To \$4 To \$5 Per Month On Texas Electric Bills, For Years.”*** (Kate Galbraith, “Cost Of Texas Wind Transmission Lines Nears \$7 Billion,” [Texas Tribune](#) 8/24/11)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Political Affiliation

According To GOP Data Center, James Richard Perry Is Listed As A Registered Unaffiliated Voter In Round Top, TX And Is Calculated To Be A “Swing Voter.” ([GOP Data Center](#) Accessed 11/19/16)

VOTER INFO

Registration Status

Registered

Registration Date

6/17/2015

Official Party

Unaffiliated

Observed Party

N/A

Calculated Party

3 - Swing

Absentee Status

No Data Provided

Primary Absentee

No Data Provided

General Absentee

No Data Provided

State Reported Ethnicity

No Data Provided

Modeled Ethnicity

White / Caucasian

Observed Ethnicity

No Data Provided

According To Lexis, Rick Perry Is A Registered Unaffiliated Voter In Round Top, Texas. (Lexis, Accessed 11/19/16)

1. Texas Voter Registration

Registrant Information

Name: PERRY, JAMES RICHARD
Residential Address: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: 03/1950
Gender: Male

Voter Information

Registration Date: 06/17/2015
Party Affiliation: NONE DECLARED
Active Status: ACTIVE
County: 075
State House District: 013
State Senate District: 018
U.S. House District: 010

Perry Appears To Be Registered At A Separate Address In Austin, Texas, Where He Is An Active Republican Voter. (Lexis, Accessed 11/20/16)

1. Texas Voter Registration

Registrant Information

Name: PERRY, JAMES RICHARD
Residential Address: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: 03/1950
Gender: Male

Voter Information

Registration Date: 02/22/1992
Last Vote Date: 11/04/2014
Party Affiliation: REPUBLICAN
Active Status: ACTIVE
County: 227
State House District: 049
State Senate District: 014
U.S. House District: 025
Primary Election 2015: VOTED
Special Election 2014: VOTED
Special Election 2013: VOTED
General Election 2012: VOTED
General Election 2010: VOTED
Other Election 2009: VOTED
General Election 2008: VOTED

DEMOCRAT DONATIONS

No Relevant Records Found. (Center for Responsive Politics, Accessed 11/20/16)

BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

ARP Holdings, LLC

Perry Is Listed As A Manager Of Austin, TX Company ARP Holdings, LLC. (Lexis, Accessed 11/20/16)

1: ARP HOLDINGS, LLC	
Name:	PERRY, JAMES RICHARD
Address:	[REDACTED]
Status:	IN EXISTENCE
State:	TX
Corporation Number:	0802141579
Descriptive Status:	IN EXISTENCE
Title:	MANAGER
Record Type:	CURRENT
Record Date:	3/17/2015
Filing Date:	1/22/2015
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Energy Transfer Partners, LLC

Perry Is Listed As A Manager Of Energy Transfer Partners, LLC. (Lexis, Accessed 11/20/16)

3: ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS, L.L.C.	
Name:	PERRY, JAMES L
Address:	[REDACTED]
Status:	ACTIVE
State:	FL
Corporation Number:	M05000002355
Descriptive Status:	ACTIVE
Title:	M
Record Type:	CURRENT
Record Date:	8/4/2016
Filing Date:	5/5/2005
Business Report:	Get Report

In February 2015, Gov. Perry Joined The Corporate Board Of Energy Transfer Partners, A Texas Pipeline Company Headed By Republican "Mega Donor" Kelcy Warren. "Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry has snagged a corporate board position with Energy Transfer Partners, the pipeline company headed by Republican mega donor Kelcy Warren of Dallas, according to regulatory filings made public Thursday. Warren, a Dallas billionaire, has been a major supporter of Perry's political endeavors. He donated \$250,000 to Perry's 2012 presidential Super PAC, known as Make Us Great Again, co-founded by Austin lobbyist Mike Toomey. Records at the Texas Ethics Commission show Warren gave Perry at least \$20,000 for his 2010 re-election race." (Jay Root, "Rick Perry lands Corporate Board Spot," [Texas Tribune](#) 2/5/15)

Energy Transfer Partners The Company Leading Dakota Access Pipeline Project, And The Company Has Recently Said They Will Not Consider Rerouting The Pipeline. "Energy Transfer Partners LP Chief Executive Officer Kelcy Warren said the company will not consider rerouting its Dakota Access oil pipeline despite concerns voiced by U.S. native groups, according to an Associated Press interview published on Friday. President Barack Obama said earlier this month that the government was examining ways to reroute the pipeline." ("Developer Says Dakota Access Pipeline Will Not Be Rerouted," [Reuters](#), 11/18/16)

U.S. Propane, LLC

Perry Is Listed As A Manager Of U.S. Propane, LLC. (Lexis, Accessed 11/20/16)

10: U.S. PROPANE, L.L.C.	
Name:	PERRY, JAMES RICHARD
State:	MA
Corporation Number:	593630324
Title:	MANAGER
Record Type:	CURRENT
Record Date:	11/8/2016
Business Report:	Get Report

Lobbying

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Bankruptcy

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Liens

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Judgments/Liens - 0 records found

UCC Liens - 0 records found