

# Steven Mnuchin

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## BACKGROUND

### *Personal Information*

Steven Turner Mnuchin

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### *Education*

Yale University

New Have, CT (“Steven Mnuchin,” [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 11/29/16)

### *Work Experience*

**Undefined – 1994:** Chief Information Officer at The Goldman Sachs Group

**1994-1998:** Head of the Mortgage Securities Department at SFM

**1998-1999:** Oversaw Mortgages, U.S. Governments, Money Markets, And Municipals In The Fixed Income, Currency, And Commodities Division For SFM Capital Management

**1999-2001:** Member of the Executive Office SFM Capital Management

**2001- 2003:** Executive Vice President SFM Capital Management

**2002:** Hired To Run A Credit Fund Set Up By Billionaire George Soros.

**2003 – 2004:** Chief Executive Officer at SFM Capital Management

**2003 – Present:** Vice-Chairman of ESL Investments

**2004:** Founded Hedge Fund Dune Capital Management LP

**2005 – Present:** Independent Director of Sears Holdings Corporation

**2009-2015:** Co-Founded and served as Chairman of OneWest Bank Group LLC

**2014 - Undefined:** Non-Executive Co-Chairman of Relativity Media, LLC

**2015-2016:** Served as Vice Chairman of CIT Group Inc.

**Board Memberships:** Director on the Yale Development Board. Member of the Board of Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles (MOCA), New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Los Angeles Police Foundation, Life Trustee of New York Presbyterian Hospital and UCLA Health System Board. He is a Trustee of Sculpture Garden Board. He was a Board Member of Junior Achievement National Board, the Whitney Museum, the Hirshhorn Museum, City Harvest and Riverdale Country School. (“Steven Mnuchin,” [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 11/29/16)

## Political Contributions

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MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR	ONE WEST BANK	6/30/16	\$75,800	Republican National Cmte (R)
[REDACTED]				
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR	One West Bank	6/30/16	\$10,000	Republican Party of Arkansas (R)
[REDACTED]				
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR	ONE WEST BANK	6/30/16	\$2,700	Trump, Donald (R)
[REDACTED]				
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR	ONE WEST BANK	6/30/16	\$100,200	Republican National Cmte (R)
[REDACTED]				
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MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	5/13/16	\$1,900	Wildes, Michael (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN [REDACTED]	CIT GROUP, INC.	2/10/16	\$2,000	Harris, Kamala D (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	4/29/14	\$1,900	Wildes, Michael
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	ONE WEST BANK	9/10/12	\$12,500	Republican National Cmte (R)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	ONE WEST BANK	6/8/12	\$2,500	Romney, Mitt (R)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	5/8/12	\$1,900	Wildes, Michael (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	ONE WEST BANK	9/1/11	\$2,500	Romney, Mitt (R)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	ONE WEST BANK	7/12/11	\$1,000	Pawlenty, Tim (R)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	5/12/10	\$1,900	Wildes, Michael (D)

MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL	10/22/07	\$2,300	Clinton, Hillary (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	6/4/07	\$2,300	Obama, Barack (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	4/18/07	\$1,000	Lautenberg, Frank (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	3/28/07	\$2,300	Dodd, Chris (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL	2/22/07	\$2,300	Landrieu, Mary L (D)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T MR [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	2/14/07	\$2,300	Giuliani, Rudolph W (R)
MNUCHIN, STEVEN T [REDACTED]	DUNE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	2/1/07	\$2,100	Edwards, John (D)

### ***Criminal Filings***

According To Nexis, Mnuchin Has No CRIMINAL FILINGS Filed Against Him. (Nexis, Accessed 11/29/16)

### **GENERAL CONTROVERSY**

#### ***Mnuchin Was The Head Of OneWest Bank, Which Has Been Under Investigation For Reverse Mortgage Policies, And Has Been Accused Of Racially Discriminatory Mortgage Practices***

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**One Homeowner Testified That OneWest Moved To Foreclose On Her Family, Despite Her Families Willingness To Pay Off The Home In Full, After Her Father Had Signed Reverse Mortgage Forms While He Was Heavily Medicated.** "After Mnuchin took over in 2009, he slowed the unit's origination of new loans and stopped completely in 2011, according to Reverse Mortgage Daily. The bank continued to service existing reverse mortgages, sometimes foreclosing on elderly retirees. Julie Cheney, whose father got a loan from Financial Freedom before his death in 2005, testified at the Los Angeles hearing that he hadn't needed the loan and was heavily medicated when he signed documents. After he died, OneWest moved to foreclose despite the family's willingness to repay in full, she said." (Zachary Mider, "Nominating Mnuchin for Treasury Will Dredge Up Mortgage Meltdown Controversies," [Bloomberg](#), 11/21/16)

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**Typically, Large Debt Repayments Before Bankruptcy Are Frowned Upon Because One Creditor Is Not Supposed To Be Favored Over Another.** "Typically, bankruptcy courts look askance at large payments to one creditor shortly before filing for Chapter 11, because companies aren't supposed to favor one creditor over another. Nonetheless, Relativity's plan to reorganize its business was approved by a New York bankruptcy court judge in March, wiping hundreds of million of dollars of debt from its balance sheet." (Daniel Miller and James Rufus Koren, "Treasury Candidate Is A Wall Street Executive Who Has Backed Movies Such As Last Summer s Suicide Squad," [Los Angeles Times](#) 12/12/16)

**The \$50 Million Debt Repayment Was An Issue In A Civil Lawsuit Filed By Another Film Financing Firm That Stated Mnuchin "Was In A Unique Position, Affording Him Knowledge Of Both Relativity's Precarious Financial Position And The Ability To Ensure Certain Creditors — Namely, OneWest Bank — Were Able To Siphon Away Funds That Had Been Commingled With RKA's [Money]." "But the issue of the \$50 million repayment also surfaced in a civil lawsuit filed by RKA Film Financing, an investor in Relativity, against Kavanaugh, Mnuchin and others. The case, which was filed in New York County Supreme Court and included allegations of fraud, claimed that money RKA lent to Relativity was used for purposes other than those it was earmarked for. The lawsuit alleged that at least some of RKA's money was likely included in the funds paid to OneWest. The complaint, which was first filed last year and amended in March, claimed that Mnuchin 'was in a unique position, affording him knowledge of both Relativity's precarious financial position and the ability to ensure certain creditors namely, OneWest Bank were able to siphon away funds that had been commingled with RKA's [money]." (Daniel Miller and James Rufus Koren, "Treasury Candidate Is A Wall Street Executive Who Has Backed Movies Such As Last Summer s Suicide Squad," [Los Angeles Times](#) 12/12/16)**

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**Some Zambians Questioned Her Account.** "On Twitter, the hashtag #LintonLies caught on, as some users accused Linton of not being truthful in her memoir, which claims that violence between the warring Hutu and Tutsi people had spilled from the Congo into Zambia. In the Guardian, Zambian writer Lydia Ngoma raised several questions about the accuracy of Linton's account. 'As a Zambian, the whole article just made me cringe,' Ngoma wrote. 'But on a more serious level, it also made me wonder just how many other countries around the world people like her have falsely documented and gained credit for?'" (Michael Schaub, "Controversial Africa Memoir Draws Fire For Louise Linton, Actress, Self Published Author And Trump Dining Companion," [Los Angeles Times](#), 7/6/16)

**Linton Offered An Apology On Twitter Saying Her Intent Was Not To Offend.** "On Tuesday, Linton offered an apology on Twitter, writing, 'I am genuinely dismayed and very sorry to see that I have offended people as this was the very opposite of my intent.'" (Michael Schaub, "Controversial Africa Memoir Draws Fire For Louise Linton, Actress, Self Published Author And Trump Dining Companion," [Los Angeles Times](#), 7/6/16)

### ***Mnuchin's Firm Helped Finance A Trump Hotel In Chicago, And Trump Sued Mnuchin***

**In 2008, Trump Sued Mnuchin's Dune Capital, Who Was A Lender For The Construction Of A Trump Tower In Chicago.** "One of the lenders that have extended credit to Mr. Trump is Mr. Mnuchin's Dune Capital. Dune was among a syndicate of lenders led by Deutsche Bank for the construction of his Trump International Hotel & Tower, a 92-story skyscraper in Chicago. Mr. Trump sued the lenders, including Dune, in 2008 to extend the terms of the loan on the basis of 'unprecedented financial crisis in the credit markets.' The suit was later settled." (Andrew Ross Sorkin, "Donald Trump's Pick for Fund Raiser Is Rife With Contradictions," [New York Times](#), 5/9/16)