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Open Society Foundations (OSF)

PARENT ORGANIZATION: SOROS NETWORK (OPEN SOCIETY NETWORK) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/soros-network-open-society-network/>)

Also see the similarly named Foundation to Promote Open Society (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/foundation-to-promote-open-society/>)(Nonprofit)

The Open Society Foundations (OSF; formally Open Society Institute) is a private grantmaking foundation created and funded by billionaire financier and liberal philanthropist George Soros (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/george-soros/>). OSF was founded in 1993 as the Open Society Institute (OSI), which remains the foundation's formal name; OSF has since become the main hub of a Soros-funded network (<https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/soros-network-open-society-network/>) of more than 20 national and regional foundations, making it one of the largest political philanthropies in the world. Built on Soros' anti-capitalist, redistributionist political philosophy, the organization gives away nearly a billion dollars per year to left-wing organizations around the world to advance his vision of an "open society."^[1] Among those groups is the Foundation to Promote Open Society (FPOS) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/foundation-to-promote-open-society/>), another foundation created after OSF which has since become the primary grantmaker in the Soros network.

In 2018, OSF reported revenues of \$376 million, expenditures of \$215 million (including grants of \$20.3 million), and assets of \$3.7 billion.^[2]

In the United States, OSF's U.S. Programs have given hundreds of millions to left-wing political organizations, including multi-million dollar gifts to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), Planned Parenthood (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/planned-parenthood-federation-of-america/>), the Robin Hood Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/robin-hood-foundation/>), the Tides Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-foundation/>), the Brennan Center for Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/>), and Alliance for Citizenship (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/alliance-for-citizenship/>), among numerous others.^[3] Confidential documents (available here (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170227181554/http://dclinks.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/soros/strategies/usp-2015-2018-proposed-strategy.pdf>)) indicate that the OSF's U.S. Programs agenda prioritizes a number of liberal issue prerogatives and funds left-wing organizations to carry out these policies.^[4] Some of these prerogatives include enacting liberal comprehensive immigration reform (including a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants), cutting the number of prison inmates by 50 percent, increasing welfare handouts, and raising taxes to redistribute wealth.^[5] OSF has also been criticized for "compromising" American foreign policy.^[6]

OSF's operations are notoriously complex, and in 2016 the foundation was labeled the least transparent "think tank" in the United States reviewed by NGO Monitor, an OSF-funded transparency group.^[7]^[8] In spite of this, OSF maintains a position as a stalwart financier of left-wing nonprofits, financially supporting a large number of left-wing organizations in the U.S. and exporting leftist policies to countries across the world.^[9]^[10]

George Soros

George Soros (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/george-soros/>), a hedge-fund billionaire whose net worth is currently estimated at \$26 billion, personally sets the budget of the Open Society Foundations and has contributed nearly \$12 billion to a wide array of organizations since the late 1970s.^[11]

In his early life Soros was deeply influenced by philosopher Karl Popper's concept of the "open society."^[12] Based on Popper's philosophy, and despite having made his fortune in the financial markets, Soros argues, "the spread of market values into all areas of life is endangering our open and democratic society" and that "the main enemy of the open society," is no longer communism but rather capitalism.^[13]

Consequently, Soros believes "that laissez-faire capitalism has effectively banished income or wealth redistribution" and that there needs to be a mechanism for wealth redistribution to prevent intolerable inequality.^[14] Further, Soros' contends "there is something wrong with making the survival of the fittest," instead he calls for "cooperation" alongside competition.^[15] It was to promote these principles that in 1979 Soros created the foundation known as the Open Society Fund (<http://www.soros.org/>).^[16]

During the 1980s, Soros' Open Society Fund operated as a number of separately organized foundations eventually extending

across 25 different countries in Africa, Europe, and Asia. ^[17]

History

Open Society Foundations became a formal entity in 1993 as a “progressive network” that seeks to advocate Soros’ vision of society, ^[18] which he describes as a “comprehensive, liberal democracy.” ^[19] Open Society Foundations launched programs in the United States beginning in 1996. ^[20]

As of 2015, the Open Society Foundations was labeled as one of the world’s largest philanthropic organizations, with branches in 37 countries. ^[21] When the organization was created, “Soros said that he had no interest in creating an endowed foundation that would exist in perpetuity.” ^[22] However in 2005 he “changed his mind,” announcing that the foundation would in fact “go on in perpetuity,” continuing to pursue Soros’ agenda well into the future. ^[23] Philanthropy observers noted that Open Society Foundations could one day “be the largest in the world, rivaling that of the Gates Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/bill-and-melinda-gates-foundation/>), which stands at \$43 billion.” ^[24]

Structure

Open Society Foundations is a “network of more than 20 national and regional foundations around the world.” According to Open Society Foundations’ president, the boards of those semi-independent national foundations as well as the larger regional foundations “make their own grant decisions and propose their own strategies.” ^[25]

According to the Open Society Foundations’ 2017 budget, the organization involves itself in the operations of its grantees in two general ways. The organization either makes “a very large, long-term grant to a single organization or initiative” or Open Society Foundations coordinates the separate efforts of many programs and foundations across its network through what is described as a “shared framework.” ^[26] The group’s work is generally categorized into ten policy themes across seven geographic regions. ^[27]

Funding

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

A combined chart detailing total revenues of the Open Society Foundations and Foundation to Promote Open Society between 2000 and 2018 is available below. ^[28]

Open Society Network: Revenues

Annual Revenues	Open Society Foundations	Foundation to Promote Open Society
2018	\$209,338,778	\$878,622,618
2017	\$372,081,883	\$441,000,000
2016	\$255,087,605	\$573,654,313
2015	\$369,708,179	\$421,000,000
2014	\$173,259,416	\$585,692,432
2013	\$155,664,135	\$390,573,880
2012	\$325,168,087	\$512,251,834
2011	\$202,469,577	\$328,274,870
2010	\$120,818,153	\$264,623,591
2009	\$133,811,261	\$1,071,377,089
2008	\$440,000,134	\$1,000,000
2007	\$277,182,954	-
2006	\$575,486,624	-
2005	\$380,304,738	-
Sum:	\$5,144,006,113	\$5,468,070,627

Open Society Network: Revenues

2004	\$73,863,651	-
2003	\$203,117,247	-
2002	\$347,213,378	-
2001	\$223,614,143	-
2000	\$305,816,170	-
Sum:	\$5,144,006,113	\$5,468,070,627

A combined chart detailing total expenditures of the Open Society Foundations and Foundation to Promote Open Society between 2000 and 2018 is available below. [\[29\]](#)

Open Society Network: Expenditures

Annual Expenditures	Open Society Foundations	Foundation to Promote Open Society
2018	\$215,140,011	\$493,524,010
2017	\$536,167,828	\$219,313,003
2016	\$210,244,454	\$510,993,179
2015	\$186,759,132	\$544,915,615
2014	\$179,965,911	\$465,086,516
2013	\$190,444,407	\$398,433,799
2012	\$585,166,446	\$277,229,666
2011	\$208,625,687	\$290,682,063
2010	\$175,809,148	\$385,213,501
2009	\$1,111,049,908	\$238,882,055
2008	\$210,998,833	\$10,000
2007	\$158,044,625	-
2006	\$139,088,719	-
2005	\$113,704,430	-
2004	\$126,024,479	-
2003	\$125,672,460	-
2002	\$168,084,112	-
2001	\$181,024,894	-
2000	\$209,785,840	-
Sum:	\$5,031,801,324	\$3,824,283,407

DONORS TO OSF

Between 2000 and 2018, OSF received \$5.4 billion in donations: [\[30\]](#)

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Year	Donor to OSF	Amount (\$10k+)
2018	Charitable Giving LLC	\$100,000
2017	-	-
2016	Geosor Corporation	\$40,886,432
Total:		\$5,390,424,880

Year	Donor to OSF	Amount (\$ 10k+)
2015	Geosor Corporation	\$25,000,000
2015	Enterprise Foundation	\$400,000
2014	Andrea Soros	\$950,000
2014	Geosor Corporation	\$20,000,000
2014	Enterprise Foundation	\$550,000
2013	Andrea Soros	\$550,000
2013	Geosor Corporation	\$40,001,500
2013	Enterprise Foundation	\$550,000
2012	Open Society Foundation Inc.	\$74,615,312
2012	Geosor Corporation	\$25,000,000
2012	Soros Humanitarian Foundation	\$100,000,000
2012	Andrea Soros	\$715,000
2012	Enterprise Foundation	\$715,000
2012	UK Department for International Development	\$774,713
2012	USAID - AMIDEAST Program	\$461,080
2011	Open Society Foundation Inc.	\$97,500,000
2011	Geosor Corporation	\$60,000,000
2011	Soros Humanitarian Foundation	\$40,000,000
2011	Jennifer and Jonathan Allan Soros Foundation	\$2,200,000
2011	Andrea Soros	\$385,000
2011	Enterprise Foundation	\$385,000
2011	Bill Clarke Osprey Foundation	\$200,000
Total:		\$5,390,424,880

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GRANTS FROM OSF

Over the last 35 years, the Open Society Foundations behemoth has given out close to \$14 billion. The total Open Society Foundations budget for 2017 is \$940.7 million and is organized under 7 regions and 10 themes. [\[31\]](#)

In 2017, Open Society Foundations' \$537 million grant-making and direct program costs budget was distributed in the following manner across the world. [\[32\]](#)

Region	2017	
	Grants & Direct Program Costs	% Of Grants and Program Costs
United States	\$100.30M	18.70%
Africa	\$69.00M	12.80%
Europe	\$63.30M	11.80%
Asia Pacific	\$57.70M	10.70%
Middle East, North Africa & SW Asia	\$43.20M	8.00%
Eurasia	\$40.00M	7.40%
Latin America & the Caribbean	\$33.60M	6.30%

Global	\$110.70M	20.60%
Unallocated	\$19.40M	3.60%
Total Grants & Direct Program \$	\$537.2M	
Reserves & Program Related Investments	\$143.80M	

Similarly Open Society Foundations' grantmaking and direct program costs budget was distributed across the following themes. [33]

Region	2017	
	Grants & Direct Program Costs	% Of Grants and Program Costs
Democratic Practice	\$80.2M	13.66%
Early Childhood & Education	\$22.4M	3.82%
Economic Governance & Advancement	\$99.5M	16.95%
Equality and Anti-Discrimination	\$82.8M	14.10%
Health & Rights	\$57.2M	9.74%
Higher Education	\$21.4M	3.65%
Human Rights Movements & Institutions	\$81.7M	13.92%
Information & Digital Rights	\$14.0M	2.38%
Journalism	\$25.5M	4.34%
Justice Reform & The Rule Of Law	\$89.6M	15.26%
Cross Thematic	\$12.8M	2.18%
Total	\$587.1M	

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

The Open Society Foundations' (formerly Open Society Institute) IRS Form 990 filings for 2017 and 2016 are available below:

- 2018 Form 990 (<https://www.influencewatch.org/app/uploads/2020/03/OSF-2018-Form-990.pdf>)
- 2017 Form 990 (<https://www.influencewatch.org/app/uploads/2019/11/Open-Society-Foundations-Institute-2017-Form-990.pdf>)
 - 2017 Form 990-T (<https://www.influencewatch.org/app/uploads/2019/11/Open-Society-Foundations-Institute-2017-Form-990-T.pdf>) (return for taxable income)
- 2016 Form 990 (<https://www.influencewatch.org/app/uploads/2019/11/Open-Society-Foundations-Institute-2016-Form-990.pdf>)

U.S. Programs

U.S. PROGRAMS BUDGET

In 2017, Open Society Foundations plans to spend \$100 million on grants and direct program costs for the United States, the largest budget amount for any single region amounting to 18% of the organization's total grant/program spending. [34]

A leaked 2014 Open Society Foundations U.S. Programs budget indicated that the \$125 million budget breaks down into five categories:

- \$50.7 million (25% of U.S. Programs budget) for Core/New initiatives that included support for grantees, "social justice laboratories, a \$25 million reserve fund, and "long-term idea generation" initiatives. [35]

- \$14.9 million (14.94%) for “Democracy” related initiatives [36]
- \$20.28 million (20.28%) for “Justice” related initiatives focused mainly on reducing incarceration, challenging punishments, police accountability in New York, and liberalizing drug laws. [37]
- \$22.95 million (22.65%) for “Equality” related initiatives namely focused on immigration reform, school discipline, “fiscal equity,” and minority programs. [38]
- \$16.13 million (16.1%) for operations, admin, and program development. [39]

U.S. PROGRAMS AGENDA

An Open Society Foundations 2015-2018 U.S. Programs strategic plan that was taken from the group and leaked indicates that among other things, Open Society Foundations’ U.S. Programs platform calls for: [40]

- An economy governed by the “redistribution of resources;”
- A justice system that reduces incarceration, abolishes the death penalty, and promotes “health centered” drug use punishment;
- Enactment of comprehensive immigration reform, that gives “full political, economic, and civic participation” to illegal immigrants;
- A reduction in “the racial wealth gap” through income redistribution;
- and “Inclusive economic development” focused on raising the minimum wage and employment for ex-convict

U.S. PROGRAMS GRANTS

According to Open Society Foundations president Chris Stone, Open Society Foundations through its grant-making “support groups that try to raise the political stakes, putting pressure on politicians” on progressive agenda items such as environmental regulations and oversight of police. [41] Stone says that Open Society Foundations gives money to groups that “share a commitment to social change based on common values and principles,” namely left-liberalism. [42]

The web of liberal organizations funded by Open Society Foundations is extensive. In 2013, Mike Ciandella for the conservative news organization *CNS News* wrote,

“Soros has aided hundreds of left-wing groups in America since 2000 under the auspices of his Open Society Foundations. In just 10 years, he gave more than \$550 million to liberal organizations in the United States. This has included money going to fund liberal agenda topics like Earth Day, gun control, government funding of student loans and even the IRS targeting of conservatives.” [43]

In fact, according to a leaked Open Society Foundations U.S. Programs board meeting agenda, from 2009 to April 2014 Open Society Foundations U.S. Programs distributed \$827 million worth of grants to 2,272 grantees. [44]

Year	Total \$	# Of Grants	Median Grant \$
2009	\$199,848,995	461	\$125,000
2010	\$178,793,499	485	\$125,000
2011	\$189,176,939	518	\$150,000
2012	\$154,785,936	414	\$125,000
2013	\$91,555,000	351	\$136,667
2014*	\$12,940,000	43	\$225,000
Total	\$827,100,369	2272	\$145,525

* As of April 30, 2014

During this time period, Open Society Foundations U.S. programs gave over \$347 million to 25 different left-wing organizations, including the ACLU (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), Planned Parenthood, the Tides Foundation (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-foundation/>), the Brennan Center For Justice, the Drug Policy Alliance (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/drug-policy-alliance/>), and Robin Hood Foundation

(<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/robin-hood-foundation/>). [45]

The top 25 major grantees list is as follows: [46]:

	Grantee Name	Amount \$
1	Drug Policy Alliance (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/drug-policy-alliance/)	62.0M
2	Robin Hood Foundation (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/robin-hood-foundation/)	50.0M
3	State of New York's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	35.0M
4	American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.	27.7M
5	The Fund for Public Schools, Inc.	22.2M
6	Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/planned-parenthood-federation-of-america/)	20.0M
7	Fund for the City of New York	12.5M
8	Tides Foundation (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-foundation/)	10.1M
9	The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City	8.6M
10	ABT Associates Inc.	8.0M
11	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/mott-foundation/)	7.5M
12	Jobs for the Future Inc.	7.5M
13	The Tides Center (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-center/)	7.4M
14	Center for Community Change (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-community-change/)	7.2M
15	William J. Brennan Center for Justice, Inc. (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/)	7.0M
16	Bard Prison Initiative	6.5M
17	The Urban Institute (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/urban-institute/)	6.3M
18	YouthBuild USA Inc.	6.0M
19	Center for American Progress (CAP) (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-american-progress-cap/)	5.8M
20	Fund for Educational Excellence	5.8M
21	Leadership Conference Education Fund, Inc.	5.2M
22	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-on-budget-and-policy-priorities/)	5.2M
23	The Advancement Project (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/advancement-project/)	4.8M
24	Alliance for Citizenship (A4C)	4.7M
25	National Immigration Forum, Inc. (https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-immigration-forum/)	4.4M
Total		347.4M

Further, in November 2014, the Open Society Foundation announced that it would give "\$50 million to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in support of its nationwide campaign to reduce incarceration." [47]

In 2016, it was reported that Open Society Foundations gave \$33 million to the Black Lives Matter movement and groups associated with it. [48]

In 2014's proposed Open Society Foundations U.S. Programs budget, 10 "anchor" grantees would receive a combined \$8.25 million and 31 "core" grantees received a combined \$8.46 million. [49]

Open Society Foundations' 2015-2018 U.S. Programs plan lists a number of redistributionist policy goals and sets out the

organizations that will function as either “anchor” or “core” grantees for that specific set of goals. [50] Included among these grantees are a number of hot-button left-wing contemporary organizations such as the Black Lives Matter (<https://www.influencewatch.org/movement/black-lives-matter/>) aligned group Color of Change (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/color-of-change/>), UnidosUS (formerly the National Council of La Raza), and the NAACP (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naACP/>).

The first pot of grantees will help to register liberal-leaning voters, weaken businesses’ freedom of speech, subject America’s national security to international legal tests, and fight for general liberal anti-business policy.

- **Anchor Grantees:** American Constitution Society (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-constitution-society-for-law-and-policy/>), ACLU (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), the Advancement Project (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/advancement-project/>), Brennan Center for Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/>)
- **Core Grantees:** Government Accountability Project (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/government-accountability-project/>), Demos (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/demos/>), Lawyers’ Committee on Civil Rights under Law, Project on Government Oversight, Center for Public Integrity (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-public-integrity/>), Human Rights First (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-first/>), National Security Archive Fund

Other grantees will help to reduce the number of inmates by half, eliminate the death penalty, and liberalize drug laws. [51]

- **Anchor Grantees:** ACLU (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), Drug Policy Alliance (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/drug-policy-alliance/>), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-on-budget-and-policy-priorities/>), Brennan Center for Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/>), Center for Community Change (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-community-change/>), Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, NAACP (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naACP/>)
- **Core Grantees:** Equal Justice Initiative (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/equal-justice-initiative/>); The Sentencing Project; Southern Center for Human Rights (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/southern-center-for-human-rights/>); Juvenile Law Center; Council of State Governments; Campaign for Youth Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/campaign-for-youth-justice/>)

Some grantees that will help to increase political participation for illegal immigrants through increased access to “financial services,” low-income housing, comprehensive immigration reform, and an easing of school discipline. [52]

- **Anchor Grantees:** ACLU (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), Advancement Project (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/advancement-project/>), Brennan Center for Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/>), Center for Community Change (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-community-change/>), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-on-budget-and-policy-priorities/>), American Constitution Society (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-constitution-society-for-law-and-policy/>), Leadership Conference Education Fund (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/leadership-conference-education-fund/>), NAACP (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naACP/>)
- **Core Grantees:** Color of Change (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/color-of-change/>), National Association of Latino Elected Officials, PICO National Network (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/pacific-institute-for-community-organizations-pico-national-network/>), Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/mexican-american-legal-defense-and-education-fund/>), Opportunity Agenda, Center for Social Inclusion (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-social-inclusion/>), UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/unidosus-formerly-national-council-of-la-rraza/>), The Kirwan Institute (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/kirwan-institute/>), Asian Americans Advancing Justice (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/asian-americans-advancing-justice-aajc/>)

Grantees will help to enact local- and national-level policies that redistribute wealth through increased economic development, a

shifting local tax burdens from blue cities to redder suburbs, and raising taxes. ^[53]

- **Anchor Grantees:** Center for Community Change (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-community-change/>), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-on-budget-and-policy-priorities/>), Center for American Progress (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-american-progress-cap/>)
- **Core Grantees:** Center for Working Families (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-working-families/>), PICO National Network (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/pacific-institute-for-community-organizations-pico-national-network/>), UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/unidosus-formerly-national-council-of-la-raza/>), Roosevelt Institute (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/roosevelt-institute/>), Center for Responsible Lending (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-responsible-lending/>), Economic Policy Institute (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/economic-policy-institute/>), National Employment Law Project (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-employment-law-project/>)

"THE BROOKLYN CONFERENCE"

Open Society Foundations partnered with JPMorgan Chase to sponsor "The Brooklyn Conference," a lecture series that ran in late October of the 2017 centered around discussing intersections between art and social justice. The conference's objectives, however, shifted towards more anti-Israel tones by featuring speakers such as Linda Sarsour (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/linda-sarsour/>), an activist who organized the left-wing Women's March, and Alicia Garza, a co-founder of Black Lives Matter (<https://www.influencewatch.org/movement/black-lives-matter/>) – both of whom vocally oppose Jewish Zionists. Other anti-Israel speakers included director of political Engagement at the New York Immigration Coalition Murad Awadah and author Tania Bruguera who denounce Israel for practicing "apartheid." ^[54]

LOBBYING

Also see Open Society Policy Center (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/open-society-policy-center/>) (Nonprofit)

Open Society Foundations' U.S. Programs work closely with the Open Society Policy Center (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/open-society-policy-center/>)^[55] a sister 501(c)(4) housed in the Open Society Foundations-DC office, which lobbies Congress on domestic and international policy issues. ^[56]

Open Society Foundations president Chris Stone touts Open Society Foundations' political engagement noting that the group has been using its lobbying efforts to promote amnesty for illegal immigrants, laws to reduce criminal punishment, and for declassification of the so-called Bush "torture report." ^[57]

According to Stone, Open Society Foundations was "among the very first foundations" to take advantage of new tax rules that allowed for the rise of political lobbying denounced by liberals—including OSF grantees, as "dark money"—by affiliating the Open Society Policy Center 501(c)(4) with Open Society Foundations. ^[58] Stone also touts the fact that Open Society Foundations has a similar operation in Brussels that engages with the European Union. ^[59]

Open Society Foundations openly fights against the rise of "dark money" in politics, ^[60] however, the Washington Free Beacon labeled the Open Society Policy Center "Soros' dark money group" and noted that in 2016 the Open Society Policy Center sought for Open Society Foundations' U.S. Programs to give \$1.5 million dollars to Planned Parenthood's dark money campaign to protect Planned Parenthood's more than \$500 million in federal subsidies. ^[61]

RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

On April 16, 2020, Open Society Foundations announced that it would be giving \$130 million around the globe to aid disadvantaged populations fight the coronavirus by providing economic relief, improving access to medical services, and pushing back against governments that might use the crisis as an excuse to encroach on civil liberties. ^[62] Half of the initial budget was directed toward the United States on account of its alleged "largest number of confirmed deaths" at the time, which the OSF press release links to "systemic inequality" that "will have profound global consequences in the years to come."

"The scale of this pandemic has laid bare the fault lines and injustices of our world," George Soros said, as quoted in the press release. "We missed the opportunity to create a more just economy after the financial crisis of 2008 and provide a social safety net for the workers who are the heart of our societies. Today, we must change direction and ask ourselves: What kind of world will emerge from this catastrophe, and what can we do to make it a better one?" ^[63]

OSF provided a partial breakdown of where the \$130 million would go: [64]

- About \$42 million to “support low-income workers, including in the informal sector, care givers, and the undocumented; protect refugees, migrants and asylum seekers; and provide access to new vaccines and treatments, regardless of economic or citizenship status.”
- \$37 million to “initiatives to support workers and their families in New York City.”
- \$12 million to “emergency relief for vulnerable workers in numerous other U.S. cities and states.”
- \$2.5 million to “fund additional community efforts in Baltimore, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.”
- \$9 million to the “ongoing struggle to end the excessive use of mandatory imprisonment and detention around the world, which will have a catastrophic impact on health, including for those at greatest risk in crowded facilities in the United States and across Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America.”
- \$3 million for “Europe, including both London and Berlin, for local groups countering disinformation and serving the cities’ most vulnerable people, such as senior citizens. Budapest and Milan have each received over \$1 million already.”
- \$3.5 million for “southern Africa, through the Open Society Foundation for South Africa and the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa, to support essential emergency services and care work, and to bolster an equitable public health response from civil society, the media, the government, and the private sector.”

Controversies and Activism

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

In 2016, the OSF-funded organization Transparify found that Open Society Foundations was the least transparent non-profit among those in the United States which it reviewed. Open Society Foundations earned a global transparency rating of zero stars for non-transparency of the organization’s funding. They were the only group in the United States Transparify reviewed in 2016 to receive such a low grade. [65]

Similarly, the website NGO Monitor wrote that Open Society Foundations’ “Funding of NGOs is entirely non-transparent” as their “annual reports do not provide names of NGO grantees or amounts transferred to individual groups.” [66]

However, tax records show that the Open Society Institute, a Soros philanthropy later folded into OSF, received at least \$30 million from the federal government to run what the U.S. State Department described as “democratization programs” in a number of countries. [67]

BRETT KAVANAUGH CONFIRMATION PROTESTS (2018)

Following Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2018, left-wing activists funded in part by OSF formed a protest outside the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. At least 50 of the left-wing groups sponsoring the protest had received funding from OSF or the Foundation to Promote Open Society (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/foundation-to-promote-open-society/>), and included the: [68]

“American Civil Liberties Union (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/american-civil-liberties-union-aclu/>), the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/leadership-conference-on-civil-human-rights-lchr/>), Planned Parenthood (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/planned-parenthood-federation-of-america/>), NARAL Pro-Choice America (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naral-pro-choice-america/>), the Center for Popular Democracy (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/center-for-popular-democracy/>), Human Rights Campaign (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-campaign/>) and . MoveOn.org (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/moveon-civic-actionmoveon-org/>), a Democratic organizing and lobbying group founded with Soros money . . .”

GEORGE FLOYD PROTESTS (2020)

On July 13, Open Society Foundations announced that it would be donating \$150 million in 5-year grants to several racial justice groups, including Black Voters Matter Fund (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/black-voters-matter-fund/>), Repairers of the Breach (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/repairers-of-the-breach/>), and the Equal Justice Initiative (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/equal-justice-initiative/>). The group also announced a \$70 million donation in local grants towards policing and criminal justice reform, civic engagement, and political training for younger demographics. [69]

INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM

Open Society Foundations has offices in every region of the world and gives money to grantees in over 100 countries. [70] As the publication NGO Monitor wrote, “the administrative and financial complexity of the global Open Society network cannot be overstated,” because outside the U.S. “in most cases it is possible only to ascertain a basic outline of their activities.” [71]

According to *Forbes* writer Richard Miniter, the problem is that due to Soros’ outsized spending through the Open Society Foundations, “Russia and other nations tend to see Soros as a tool of U.S. policy” in turn undercutting American foreign policy efforts. [72]

Open Society Foundations’ foreign operations have been criticized for compromising U.S. foreign policy in the following manners: [73]

- Contributing significantly to anti-Israel campaigns by funding groups attempting to portray Israel as a “racist” or those that aim to weaken U.S. support for Israel; [74]
- Making basing arrangements in Central Asian countries for U.S. special operators and drone flights more difficult; and [75]
- Drawing the U.S. into a series of ethnic disputes in Central Asia about which the U.S. has insufficient understanding. [76]

CRITICISM FROM ROMANIA

The Romanian Center for Independent Journalism, an Open Society Institute of New York grantee, has received \$17,000 in grants from the U.S. State Department. The Soros-affiliated organization has been criticized for greatly influencing political processes and outcomes in Romania to support his ideological views. In March 2017, the elected leader of Romania’s governing party said that the Soros foundations “that he [Soros] has funded since 1990 have financed evil.” [77]

LAWSUITS AGAINST OSF

In October 2017, the right-leaning watchdog group Judicial Watch initiated a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records and documentation of U.S. State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funding activity related to Soros’ Open Society Foundations affiliates in Romania and Colombia. When the State and USAID did not respond to the request, Judicial Watch filed a federal lawsuit. Numerous Soros-funded left-leaning entities and organizations in Romania and Colombia are supported by U.S. government tax dollars. [78]

Leadership

On September 11, 2017, Patrick Gaspard (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/patrick-gaspard/>) was appointed president of Open Society Foundations, beginning in 2018. Gaspard previously served as a top aide to former President Barack Obama (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/barack-obama/>) and as a national Democratic Party official. [79]

Christopher Stone (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/christopher-stone/>) was interim president of Open Society Foundations through 2018. Before his current post, Stone spent most of career focused on U.S. criminal justice issues, most recently teaching at Harvard’s Kennedy School. Stone’s mission was to build Open Society Foundations into a more professional foundation “that didn’t revolve around the combined institutional memory of [George] Soros and [previous President Aryeh] Neier.” [80]

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Society Foundations has one “global board,” 6 geographic boards, and 17 thematic boards. [81]

The Global Board is chaired by George Soros, and also includes Soros’ children Andrea, Jonathan (<https://www.influencewatch.org/person/jonathan-soros/>), and Alex, as well as former NAACP President Sherrilyn Ifill, along with a number of politicians, college administrators, and corporate executives. [82] Notable members include former Liberal Party of Canada leader Michael Ignatieff, former European Union official Emma Bonino, and Dutch Royal Family member Mabel van Oranje. [83]

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Related Profiles

MOVEMENTS

[Black Lives Matter](https://www.influencewatch.org/movement/black-lives-matter/) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/movement/black-lives-matter/>)

NON-PROFITS

[East West Management Institute](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/east-west-management-institute/) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/east-west-management-institute/>)

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Central European University Budapest Foundation (CEUBF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/central-european-university-budapest-foundation/>)

Foundation to Promote Open Society (FPOS) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/foundation-to-promote-open-society/>)

Fund for Policy Reform (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/fund-for-policy-reform/>)

Jennifer and Jonathan Allan Soros Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/jennifer-and-jonathan-allan-soros-foundation/>)

Open Society Policy Center (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/open-society-policy-center/>)

[Schott Foundation for Public Education \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/schott-foundation-for-public-education/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/schott-foundation-for-public-education/)

[Soros Economic Development Fund \(SEDF\) \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-economic-development-fund/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-economic-development-fund/)

[Soros Fund Charitable Foundation \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-fund-charitable-foundation/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-fund-charitable-foundation/)

Child Organizations

[Democracy and Power Fund \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/democracy-and-power-fund/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/democracy-and-power-fund/)

[Fund for Policy Reform Trust \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/fund-for-policy-reform-trust/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/fund-for-policy-reform-trust/)

Coalition Memberships ^②

[Democracy Alliance Conferences \(https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/democracy-alliance-conferences/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/democracy-alliance-conferences/)

[Pop Culture Collaborative \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/pop-culture-collaborative/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/pop-culture-collaborative/)

[Funders Committee for Civic Participation \(FCCP\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/the-funders-committee-for-civic-participation-fccp/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/the-funders-committee-for-civic-participation-fccp/)

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[Soros Fund Charitable Foundation \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-fund-charitable-foundation/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/soros-fund-charitable-foundation/)

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[Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services \(ACCESS\) Michigan \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/access-michigan/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/access-michigan/)

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[Alliance for Citizenship \(Non-profit\) \(https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/alliance-for-citizenship/\)](https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/alliance-for-citizenship/)

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Civic Participation Action Fund (CPAF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/civic-participation-action-fund/>)

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FairVote (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/fairvote/>)

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Fund for the City of New York (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/fund-for-the-city-of-new-york/>)

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Government Accountability Project (GAP) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/government-accountability-project/>)

Groundswell Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/groundswell-fund/>)

Human Rights First (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-first/>)

Human Rights Funders Network (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-funders-network/>)

Hunan Rights Watch (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/human-rights-watch/>)

Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/institute-for-new-economic-thinking/>)

Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/institute-on-taxation-and-economic-policy/>)

J Street Education Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/j-street-education-fund/>)

Justice at Stake (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/justice-at-stake/>)

Lambda Legal (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/lambda-legal/>)

Leadership Conference Education Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/leadership-conference-education-fund/>)

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/leadership-conference-on-civil-human-rights-lcchr/>)

League of Women Voters (LWV) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/lcague-of-women-voters/>)

League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/league-of-women-voters-education-fund-lwvef/>)

Legal Aid Society of New York (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/legal-aid-society-of-new-york/>)

Make the Road New York (MRNY) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/make-the-road-new-york/>)

MapLight (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/maplight/>)

Media Democracy Fund (MDF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/media-democracy-fund/>)

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/mott-foundation/>)

Movement Strategy Center (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/movement-strategy-center/>)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naacp/>)

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/naacp-legal-defense-fund/>)

National Congress of American Indians (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-congress-of-american-indians/>)

National Congress of American Indians Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-congress-of-american-indians-fund/>)

National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-domestic-workers-alliance/>)

National Immigration Forum (NIF) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-immigration-forum/>)

National Organization for Women (NOW) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/national-organization-for-women/>)

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/natural-resources-defense-council-nrdc/>)

NEO Philanthropy (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/neo-philanthropy-formerly-public-interest-projects/>)

New Amcrica (New America Foundation) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/new-amcrica-foundation/>)

New Jersey Policy Perspective (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/new-jersey-policy-perspective/>)

New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/new-orleans-workers-center-for-racial-justice/>)

Niskanen Center For Public Policy (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/niskanen-center-for-public-policy/>)

Oregon Center for Public Policy (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/oregon-center-for-public-policy/>)

Oxfam America (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/oxfam-america/>)

Faith In Action (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/pacific-institute-for-community-organizations-pico-national-network/>)

Partnership for Working Families (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/partnership-for-working-families/>)

People for the American Way (PFAW) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/people-for-the-american-way/>)

People for the American Way (PFAW) Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/people-for-the-american-way-foundation/>)

People's Action Institute (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/peoples-action-institute/>)

Philanthropy Advancing Women's Human Rights (PAWHR) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/philanthropy-advancing-womens-human-rights-pawhr/>)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/planned-parenthood-action-fund/>)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/planned-parenthood-federation-of-america/>)

Population Council (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/population-council/>)

Poynter Institute for Media Studies (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/poynter-institute-for-media-studies/>)

Progressive States Network (PSN) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/progressive-states-network/>)

Public Citizen (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/public-citizen/>)

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/religious-coalition-for-reproductive-choice/>)

ReThink Media (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/rethink-media/>)

Robin Hood Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/robin-hood-foundation/>)

Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/roc-united/>)

Ruckus Society (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/ruckus-society/>)

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/scholarly-publishing-and-academic-resources-coalition-sparc/>)

SCOPE (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/scope/>)

Shelby Response Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/shelby-response-fund/>)

Southern Center for Human Rights (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/southern-center-for-human-rights/>)

Southern Coalition for Social Justice (SCSJ) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/southern-coalition-for-social-justice/>)

State Voices (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/state-voices/>)

Sundance Institute (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/sundance-institute/>)

Swanee Hunt Alternatives (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/swanee-hunt-alternatives/>)

Teaching for Change (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/teaching-for-change/>)

The Heartland Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/the-heartland-fund/>)

TYPE Media Center (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/the-nation-institute/>)

The Workers Lab (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/the-workers-lab/>)

Tides Center (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-center/>)

Tides Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/tides-foundation/>)

Transparency and Accountability Initiative (TAI) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/transparency-and-accountability-initiative-tai/>)

UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/unidosus-formerly-national-council-of-la-rraza/>)

UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza) Action Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/unidosus-formerly-national-council-of-la-rraza-action-fund/>)

United Vision for Idaho (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/united-vision-for-idaho/>)

United Workers Association (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/united-workers-association/>)

Urban Institute (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/urban-institute/>)

Urban Justice Center (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/urban-justice-center/>)

USACTION Education Fund (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/usaction-eucational-foundation/>)

Vera Institute of Justice (VIJ) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/vera-institute-of-justice/>)

Violence Policy Center (VPC) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/violence-policy-center/>)

Voter Engagement Evaluation Project (VEEP) (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/voter-engagement-evaluation-project/>)

WESPAC Foundation (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/wespac-foundation-inc/>)

William J. Brennan Center for Justice (Non-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/non-profit/william-j-brennan-center-for-justice/>)

Vendors

Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research (GQRR) (For-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/for-profit/greenberg-quinlan-rosner-research-gqrr/>)

HR&A Advisors (For-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/for-profit/hra-advisors/>)

Raben Group (For-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/for-profit/raben-group/>)

Soze Agency (For-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/for-profit/soze-agency/>)

① Spifire Strategies (For-profit) (<https://www.influencewatch.org/for-profit/spifire-strategies/>)

Nonprofit Information

- **Accounting Period:** December - November
- **Tax Exemption Received:** November 1, 1994

Available Filings

2015 Dec

Form Type	Form PF
Total revenue	\$369,708,179
Total functional expenses	\$186,759,132
Total assets (EOY)	\$2,616,062,988
Total liabilities (EOY)	\$195,305,160
Total contributions	\$0
Program service revenue	\$0
Investment income	\$0

Comp. of current officers, directors, etc.	\$0
Form 990	PDF (HTTPS://PROJECTS.PROPUBLICA.ORG/NONPROFITS/DOWNLOAD-FILING?PATH=2017_03_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201512.PDF)

2014 Dec

Form Type	Form PF
Total revenue	\$173,259,416
Total functional expenses	\$179,965,911
Total assets (EOY)	\$1,757,161,818
Total liabilities (EOY)	\$158,486,417
Total contributions	\$0
Program service revenue	\$0
Investment income	\$0
Comp. of current officers, directors, etc.	\$0
Form 990	PDF (HTTPS://PROJECTS.PROPUBLICA.ORG/NONPROFITS/DOWNLOAD-FILING?PATH=2016_01_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201412.PDF)

2013 Dec

Form Type	Form PF
Total revenue	\$155,644,135
Total functional expenses	\$190,444,407
Total assets (EOY)	\$1,590,570,302
Total liabilities (EOY)	\$636,876,360
Total contributions	\$0

Program service revenue	\$0
Investment income	\$0
Comp. of current officers, directors, etc.	\$0
Form 990	PDF (HTTPS://PROJECTS.PROPUBLICA.ORG/NONPROFITS/DOWNLOAD-FILING?PATH=2014_12_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201312.PDF)

2012 Dec

Form Type	Form PF
Total revenue	\$325,168,087
Total functional expenses	\$585,166,446
Total assets (EOY)	\$685,871,435
Total liabilities (EOY)	\$193,233,601
Total contributions	\$0
Program service revenue	\$0
Investment income	\$0
Comp. of current officers, directors, etc.	\$0
Form 990	PDF (HTTPS://PROJECTS.PROPUBLICA.ORG/NONPROFITS/DOWNLOAD-FILING?PATH=2014_01_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201212.PDF)

2011 Dec

Form Type	Form PF
Total revenue	\$202,469,577
Total functional expenses	\$208,625,687
Total assets (EOY)	\$1,007,665,737

Total liabilities (EOY)	\$198,180,851
Total contributions	\$0
Program service revenue	\$0
Investment income	\$0
Comp. of current officers, directors, etc.	\$0
Form 990	PDF (HTTPS://PROJECTS.PROPUBLICA.ORG/NONPROFITS/DOWNLOAD-FILING?PATH=2012_12_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201112.PDF)

Additional Filings (PDFs)

- 2018 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=01_2020_prefixes_13-14%2F137029285_201812_990PF_2020012117047605.pdf)
- 2018 Dec Form 990 (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=01_2020_prefixes_13-14%2F137029285_201812_990T_2020010616997803.pdf)
- 2017 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=02_2019_prefixes_13-20%2F137029285_201712_990PF_2019020816074859.pdf)
- 2017 Dec Form 990 (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=02_2019_prefixes_13-20%2F137029285_201712_990T_2019021516098787.pdf)
- 2016 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=01_2018_prefixes_13-14%2F137029285_201612_990PF_2018010215070676.pdf)
- 2010 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=2011_11_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_201012.pdf)
- 2010 Dec Form 990 (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=2011_12_T%2F13-7029285_990T_201012.pdf)
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- 2002 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=2005_01_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_200212.pdf)
- 2001 Dec Form PF (https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=2002_11_PF%2F13-7029285_990PF_200112.pdf)

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