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Vivian Krause: New U.S. funding for the war on Canadian oil

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U.S. foundations have provided at least $75-million for campaigns and land use planning initiatives that thw art the development and export of Canadian oil. Bloomberg

Tides USA letters reveal $3.2-million in payments over last few months to activists groups and environmental organizations in Canada, U.S. and Europe. The objective: Create opposition to Canadian oil developments.

For more than a decade, there has been a complex international effort to stymie the oil industry in Canada. It's called the Tar Sands Campaign and the main sources of funding for this campaign are the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Oak Foundation, the Sea Change Foundation, the Tides Foundation and other charitable foundations, most of which are based in California. By my calculations, these foundations have provided at least $75-million for campaigns and land use planning initiatives that thwart the development and export of Canadian oil. Until now, little information has been available about the specific activities that have been funded. Not anymore.

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Earlier this month, an unprecedented amount of detail came to light in a series of covering letters for 70 payments sent by the San Francisco-based Tides Foundation ("Tides USA") to 45 organizations in the U.S., Canada and Europe. These payments total $3.2-million. I came across these covering letters using Google. All of the letters that I've seen are signed by Gary D. Schwarz, the interim CEO of Tides USA. Most of these letters were sent between June and October of 2013.

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Mr. Schwarz's covering letters stipulate a list of conditions including, for example, that the recipient organization agrees "not to use any portion of the granted funds to carry on propaganda nor to attempt to influence specific legislation either by direct or grassroots lobbying." And yet these letters suggest to me that this is precisely what Tides is funding.

The numbering and timing of these payments indicates that they have been made systematically. For example, between August 2 and September 29, Tides made 27 consecutively numbered payments for a total of $1.9-million. In all cases, the donor is listed as "an existing fund." Generally, the existing fund is not identified.

The recipients are clearly identified. From the Great Bear Rainforest Initiative and the First Nations at Fort Chipewayan to the groups pushing for the EU Fuel Quality Directive in Europe, virtually every organization that campaigns against the Alberta oil industry is funded by Tides USA, these letters reveal.

Among the initiatives that Tides USA funds are LeadNow, Idle No More, the Indigenous Tar Sands campaign, the Tanker Free Coast campaign, Pipe Up, the Tar Sands Reality Check, the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, PowerShift and Save the Salish Sea. The gist of these initiatives is to foment opposition to pipeline and export infrastructure that is essential for getting Canadian energy to global markets.

Seven payments mention building relationships with First Nations, "indigenous solidarity," resistance and opposition along pipeline routes. For example, through the Tides Canada Foundation Exchange Fund, Tides USA paid $35,000 for re-granting to West Coast Environmental Law "to provide legal strategies and communication support to First Nations to constrain tar sands development."

Through the Tides Canada Foundation Exchange Fund, Tides USA also paid $15,000 to the Sierra Club of BC for a project called, "Our Coast, Our Call: Mobilizing and Strengthening Opposition to Tanker Expansion on the B.C. Coast."

Even before the recommendations of the Joint Panel Review of the Northern Gateway pipeline are in, Tides USA has paid First Nations in B.C. to respond to the panel and to media. On August 9, 2013, Tides USA paid $67,500 to the Great Bear Initiative Society "for work with Coastal First Nations on the Central and North Coasts to prepare for the federal consultations; respond to media; and the same group "to enforce the oil tanker ban for the Great Bear Rainforest through communications outreach, to maintain opposition to oil tankers, and to increase public support against the Northern Gateway pipeline." Both of the letters regarding these payments were sent to the attention of Mr. Art Sterritt.

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Tides funds the Dogwood Initiative "to cultivate widespread public opposition to tar sands oil tankers and pipeline proposals in British Columbia." Note that Dogwood isn't paid to oppose all tankers, only "tar sands oil tankers" — in other words, only tankers exporting Canadian oil.

On August 9, 2013, Pembina was paid $225,000 "to advance policy improvements, the narrative that oilsands expansion is problematic, land use decisions that slow expansion, and improved climate policy." Tides USA also funded Pembina "to provide regular briefings to the Tar Sands Group and broaden the base of key influencers." Earlier in the year Tides USA paid Pembina $55,000 "for furthering awareness of the negative impacts of the tar sands economy." Indeed, with the recent release of its recent report, "Booms, Busts and Bitumen," Pembina did just that.

Environmental Defence Canada was paid $212,500 by Tides USA "for outreach and education on the Line 9 and Energy East pipelines; ongoing promotion of Tar Sands Reality Check; leading government relations work in Ottawa; promotion of the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD); and supporting the work of allies."

Equiterre was paid $75,000 by Tides USA "to educate the public on Line 9 and Energy East, participate in the regulatory process for Line 9, and assist in promoting Tar Sands Reality Check in Quebec and raising awareness of the economic challenges with tar sands development." Greenpeace Canada was paid $90,000 "for events that show opposition to pipelines and tar sands expansion, for ongoing participation in the AB pipeline review, and for continued work to expose the nefarious work of industry and government in

order to expand the tar sands" and a further $100,000 for similar purposes.

The problem that I see with these payments is that creating a negative narrative and cultivating opposition is not what charitable foundations are supposed to fund nor is it what registered charities in Canada are supposed to do.

"To be considered charitable, an educational activity must be reasonably objective and based on a well-reasoned position. This means a position that is based on factual information that is methodically, objectively, fully, and fairly analyzed. In addition, a well-reasoned position should present serious arguments and relevant facts to the contrary," says the Canada Revenue Agency.

Some payments mention a specific pipeline company: TransCanada pipelines (Keystone XL and Line 9) are mentioned in regards to 15 payments, Enbridge in 11 and Kinder Morgan in six.

Some payments mention specific pipelines, including Line 9, the Clipper/Line 67 expansion, Energy East, as well as pipelines in the MacKenzie valley and New England. For example, the National Wildlife Federation, based in Washington D.C., was paid $50,000 "to organize opposition to the Enbridge Line 67 expansion and the Keystone XL pipeline."

Living Oceans Society was paid $30,000 "to build opposition to the KM pipeline; conduct research on risks to human health from an oil spill, risks to wildlife, and the "blue economy;" implement comprehensive rollout strategies for the research results including ethnic audiences; and renew opposition parties' commitment to tanker ban." Living Oceans was also paid $6,000 for a project titled, "Exposing the threats to human health posed by a Kinder Morgan spill."

Tides also funds the beginning of a new campaign against InSitu mining, according to one letter to the Keepers of the Athabasca Watershed Society.

The EU Fuel Quality Directive is mentioned in the covering letters regarding five payments that I've seen. For example, on September 13, 2013 a numbered company in Fort Chipewayan was paid $55,000 "to build the case for rejecting the Shell and Teck Frontier mines; participate in regulatory processes and use legal tools to increase regulations; work with groups in Europe to support the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD); and build public opposition to tar sands and pipelines."

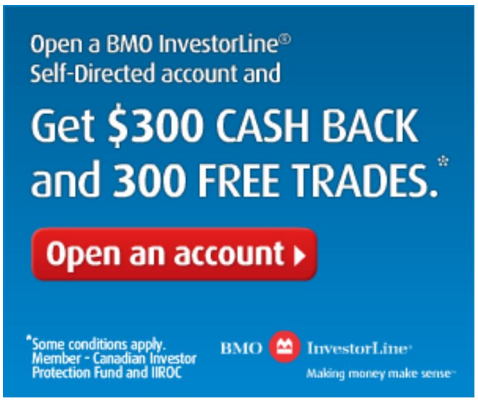
Tides USA paid the same amount to the same numbered company in 2012, tax returns show.

For a project titled, "Stop Shell and Keep Tar Sands Out of Europe," Tides USA paid $12,000 to the U.K. Tar Sands Network, based in Oxford. Tides USA also funds Friends of the Earth in Europe and the European Federation for Transport & Environment, both based in Belgium.

In the U.S., Tides paid $1.5-million to 21 organizations including funds organizing landowners, for the Nebraska Farmers Union and for "using creative action" in small towns and rural communities along the proposed Keystone XL pipeline route.

The Sierra Club was paid $165,000 "for organizing and mobilizing opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline and other tar sands projects and for coordination with Canadian colleagues."

The New York-based Natural Resources Defense Council was paid $150,000 for policy analysis and advice and for "co-ordinating allies" in Canada and Europe. It was also paid to co-ordinate the Tar Sands Free Northeast Coalition, particularly at the municipal level.



Forest Ethics was paid $155,000 "... to persuade a minimum of either Coke or Pepsi to confirm publicly that they have committed to eliminate fuel that comes from tar sands refineries" – in other words, Canadian oil.

Environmental activism is important, but we need activists to play the role of honest brokers, not shake-down artists.

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Details of the 27 consecutively numbered payments (#1875 – #1903) made by Tides USA between August 2 and September 29, are reported below.

#1875: **$75,000** for Bill McKibben's organization, 350.org "for mobilizing the public in

opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline and expansion of tar sands," August 2, 2013.

#1876: **$80,000** paid to ProgressNow "for Bold Nebraska's efforts towards organizing landowners in Nebraska who oppose the Keystone XL pipeline; and for support of the Nebraska Farmers Union and Nebraska Easement Action Team," August 16, 2013.

#1877: **$50,000** paid to the Earth Island Institute "for Energy Action Coalition's efforts towards mobilizing students and youth in op position to the Keystone XL pipeline and the expansion of the tar sands," August 9, 2013.

#1878: **$75,000** paid to Forest Ethics "to conduct education and outreach on the Kinder Morgan and Enbridge Northern Gateway Campaign; participate in the development of Tar Sands Free West Coast; and persuade a minimum of either Coke or pepsi to confirm publicly that they have committed to eliminate fuel that comes from tar sands refineries," August 9, 2013. For the same purpose, Forest Ethics was also paid $50,000 on August 16, 2013 and $30,000 on October 25, 2013.

#1879: **$25,000** paid to Friends of the Earth "for monitoring and exposing State Department handling of the Keystone XL pipeline review process," August 9, 2013.

#1880: **$25,000** paid to the Polaris Institute "for Indigenous Environmental Network's organizing indigenous opposition to the expansion of Enbridge Alberta Clipper/Line 67 expansion and the Keystone XL pipeline," September 6, 2013.

#1881: **$50,000** paid to the National Wildlife Federation "to organize opposition to the Enbridge Line 67 expansion and the Keystone XL pipeline," August 9, 2013.

#1882: **$150,000** paid to the Natural Resources Defense Council (c/o Frances Beinecke) for "policy analysis and advice; for education of policy makers; for organizing opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline and tar sands expansion generally; for coordinating with Canadian and European allies; and for development of the Tar Sands Free Northeast Coalition including organizing municipalities," August 9, 2013.

#1883: **$60,000** paid to Oil Change International for "oil industry analysis and for information on the climate impacts of tar sands projects," August 16, 2013.

#1884: **$35,000** paid to Public Citizen Foundation "towards monitoring and exposing the practices of TransCanada on the Keystone XL South (Gulf Coast) pipeline project; and for organizing landowners along the pipeline route of Keystone XL and SeaWay," August 9, 2013.

#1885: **$165,000** paid to The Sierra Club, based in San Francisco "for organizing and mobilizing opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline and other tar sands projects and for coordination with Canadian colleagues." August 16, 2013.

#1886: **$25,000** paid to the Backbone campaign (c/o Mr. Bill Moyer) for a project called "The Other 98%'s training and organizing direct actions in opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline." September 27, 2013.

#1888: **$55,000** paid to a numbered company, 850450 Alberta Ltd., in Fort Chipewayan "to build the case for rejecting the Shell and Teck Frontier mines; participate in regulatory processes and use legal tools to increase regulatioins; work with groups in Europe to support the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD); and build public opposition to tar sands pipelines," September 13, 2013.

#1889: **$75,000** paid to The Dogwood Initiative "to increase the number of no tankers supporters; develop volunteer teams in each area; and deepen the engagement of existing supports," August 9, 2013. Dogwood was also paid $25,000 on July 19, 2013 "to cultivate widespread public opposition to tar sands oil tankers and pipeline proposals in British Columbia" and a total of $81,700 in four grants "to help British Columbians exercise local control to create healthy and prosperous communities."

#1890: **$212,500** paid to Environmental Defense "outreach and education on the Line 9 and Energy East pipelines; ongoing promotion of Tar Sands Reality Check; leading government relations work in Ottawa; promotion of the Fuel Quality Directive (FQD); and supporting the work of allies," August 9, 2013. Through Tides Canada Foundation Exchange Fund, Environmental Defense was also paid $15,000 "to co-sponsor a series of concerts aimed at engaging and educating a wider audience about the risks of tar sands expansion," July 12, 2013.

#1891: **$60,000** paid to The European Federation for Transport & Environment, based in Belgium, "for organizing, providing technical advice to policy makers, and educating the public of key countries in support of the EU Fuel Quality Directive implementing regulations, as outlined in your proposal," August 2, 2013.

#1892: **$70,000** paid to Friends of the Earth Europe ASBL, based in Belgium, "towards organizing and educating policy makers and the public in key countries in support of the EU Fuel Quality Directive implementing regulations, as outlined in your proposal," August 9, 2013.

#1893: **$67,500** paid to the Great Bear Initiative Society, "for work with Coastal First Nations on the Central and North coasts to prepare for the federal consultations; respond to media; raise awareness of the costs of an oil spill and respond to Joint Review Panel (JPR) recommendations," August 9, 2013. The Great Bear Initiative Society was paid $25,000 "to enforce the oil tanker ban for the Great Bear Rainforest through communications outreach, to maintain opposition to oil tankers, and to increase public support against the Northern Gateway Pipeline," July 12, 2013. Both payments were sent by Tides to the attention of Mr. Art Sterritt.

#1894: **$100,000** paid to Greenpeace Canada "for your continued outreach and education on pipelines, tar sands mines and pipeline safety regulations, as outlined in your proposal," August 9, 2013. Greenpeace Canada was also paid $90,000 "for events that show opposition to pipelines and tar sands expansion, for ongoing participation in the AB pipeline review, and for continued work to expose the nefarious work of industry and government in order to expand the tar sands," April 12, 2013.

#1895: **$50,000** paid to Keepers of the Athabasca Watershed Society for "development and implementation of an InSitu campaign; continued work on pipelines; and participation in other Alberta events and campaigns," August 9, 2013.

#1896: **$30,000** paid to Living Oceans Society "to build opposition to the KM pipeline; conduct research on risks to human health from an oil spill, risk to wildlife, and the "blue economy;" implement comprehensive roll out strategies for the research results including ethnic audiences; and renew opposition parties' commitment to tanker ban," August 9, 2013. Living Oceans was also paid $6,000 for a project titled, "Exposing the Threats to Human Health Posed by a Kinder Morgan Spill," October 4, 2013.

#1897: **$35,000** paid to the The Northwest Bioregional Research Society for "ongoing coordination of the Enbridge campaign in the north, support for materials and events, and for hosting regular provincial calls," August 16, 2013.

#1898: **$225,000** paid to the Pembina Institute "to advance policy improvements, the narrative that oilsands expansion is problematic, land use decisions that slow expansion, and improved climate policy," August 9, 2013. That grant also specified, "This grant is also to provide regular briefings to the Tar Sands Group and broaden the base of key influencers, as outlined in your proposal." The Pembina Institute was also paid $55,000 "for further raising awareness of the negative impacts of the tar sands on the economy, for participating in conversation with Province of Alberta about water, land and air regulatory reform, technical support to tar sands campaign partner, and for participation in the Shell JRPs and preparation for the Tech Frontier JRP," April 12, 2013.

#1899: **$30,000** paid to the Sierra Club of BC for "continued work to stop the Enbridge and Kinder Morgan pipelines including working with First Nations, PowerShift and others," August 23, 2013. Through the Tides Canada Foundation Exchange Fund, the Sierra Club of BC was also paid $15,000 for a project titled, "Our Coast, Our Call: mobilizing and strengthening opposition to tanker expansion on the BC coast," October 4, 2013.

#1900: **$30,000** paid to the Prairie Chapter of the Sierra Club of Canada for the "Climate and Energy Campaigner's work on new mines, pipeline safety, regulations, protection of water and support for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), August 30, 2013.

#1901: **$18,500** paid to the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation (no relation to the David Suzuki Foundation) for "education and outreach on the risks associated with the Enbridge pipeline," August 16, 2013.

#1903: **$46,500** paid to West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation (WCELRF) "for ongoing work to support First Nations in their opposition to pipelines in British Columbia," August 16, 2013. Through the Tides Canada Foundation Exchange Fund, WCELRF was paid also paid $35,000 "to provide legal strategies and communication support to First Nations to constrain tar sands development," July 12, 2013.

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Delphicorc • 4 months ago

So what is stopping the Minister of Nation Revenue from delivering marching orders to the troops to get out and enforce the law of the land; namely, that advocacy is not charity and that therefore their charitable status must be withdrawn.

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Northernwhisky ↗ Delphicorc • 4 months ago

What a great point and I believe every Canadian needs to write to their MP and get them to motivate that department that these outside Lobby groups are not eligible for a Charity Status. Further more I would like to have all NON Canadian have their passports registered at our border, where each registered member, would have to post a One Million dollar Peace Bond, that excludes them from participating in any Political Lobbying with in Canada.

Revenue Canada must Audit their books from time of registration, this alone will keep these political lobbing groups very busy for some time.

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anonymous_66 ↗ Northernwhisky • 4 months ago

Does that mean we get to fine Tom Flanagan a million dollars, or do you really just mean "political activity of the hippie sort"?

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Dennicrain ↗ anonymous_66 • 4 months ago

Tom Flanagan isn't he a hippie?

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AlexMcColl ↗ Northernwhisky • 4 months ago

The Munk debates would be rather dull if we didn't let foreigners talk about global politics in Toronto.

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Robert ➚ Northernwhisky • 4 months ago
haha.
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Nahanni ➚ Canuckistani Randy • 4 months ago
It's called democracy, honey ..get used to it.
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OdogThewise ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
What kind of a loser would vote down "democracy".....

Even the stupidest left wing protester understands that democracy is the one thing that protects their right to protest in the first place?
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Proventus ➚ OdogThewise • 4 months ago
Not really. A republic would be better and is what the US is supposed to be.

Democracy=Rule by the Mob.
Republic=Ruled by the Law.
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Jim Bernardi ➚ OdogThewise • 4 months ago
As should every stupid right wing poster!
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Guest ➚ Jim Bernardi • 4 months ago
Right wingers don't need the right to protest. Their aristocratic masters do all their protesting for them.
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MarvellousMarv ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
I don't have a problem with organizations funding opposition to public policy.

BUT...report it and make it public.

And don't EVER say that you are less a puppet of American interests than 'big oil'.
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accidentalcontrarian ➚ Jeff • 4 months ago
Nor is the Canadian Citizens Coalition; nor is the Ethical Oil Institute; nor are any of the taxpayer associations; nor is the Frazer Institute. A cursory review makes it clear that only left wing advocacy groups masquerade as charities.
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Shadowfacts ➚ accidentalcontrarian • 4 months ago
I'm pretty sure that the Fraser Institute is a registered charity.
It's understandable because capitalism just doesn't have the funds available to promote itself.
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Sierra Rayne ➚ Shadowfacts • 4 months ago

It is a registered charity, and apparently it gets a significant amount of foreign funding.
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AlexMcColl ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
I attended two Manning Centre events recently and I have to disagree with you equating the Manning Centre with the Green Lobby. The best Manning Event this year was the recent Saturday hosted by the Institute for Liberal Studies. Yes, Daniel Smith gave a speech in the afternoon - but it was a great presentation about tempered realism in politics. The other presenters were, more or less, equally critical of big right wing governments.

As a compromise to eliminating the charitable donation tax credit, we could just impose the corporate income tax on all non-Canadian donations. That way we'd at least be taxing all the donations coming from the US and overseas.
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wallhousewart ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
All those right wing think tanks and training camps? Which ones? Manning, the Fraser Institute and Ethical Oil? That's three compared to the thirty or so pro environmental groups listed above. That's a little unbalanced, don't you think?
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trollsberg ➚ wallhousewart • 4 months ago
if you bothered to look at dollars spent on advocacy either way on the northern gateway project, do you really doubt which side comes out on top?
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winespius ➚ trollsberg • 4 months ago
The extremist environmental agenda by far....$200-300 million PA.....
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winteryblackknight ➚ winespius • 4 months ago
I wonder how much of the environmental funding originates from Saudi oil revenue? After all, it is Saudi oil that will be displaced by Alberta oil
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winespius ➚ winteryblackknight • 4 months ago
I haven't yet found evidence for direct funding from KSA, but Qatar has funded anti fracking projects.
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Guest ➚ winteryblackknight • 4 months ago
Yes, I'm sure the Saudis are absolutely quivering in their boots over the expensive, landlocked, dirty Alberta tarsands oil.
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winespius ➚ Guest • 4 months ago
Of course they are...with Alberta oil on the open market they stand to lose billions and will have to cut back on expensive weaponry, terrorism, and anti Israeli projects.
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Guest ➚ winespius • 4 months ago
"Alberta oil on the open market"

Yeah... I can see that's working out fantastically for you guys right now.
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babydoc ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
Clever tactic to switch the topic. This about foreign money supporting Canadian "charities" that are really political lobby groups.
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DavidJCCooper ➚ babydoc • 4 months ago
Why, in a democracy, does someone have to lobby for the country's citizens? Are our elected representatives

owned by somebody else?

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ChrisInNepean ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago

Leave it for real charities and get rid of it for think tanks and religious institutions.

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MAS ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago

Which do you want . . . 'charity' or 'state funding', because you can't get both.

If you remove the tax credits, you then remove some of the donation incentive. Do that, there will be reduced donations. There will then be increased reliance on governemnt as opposed to charity.

But, I guess that the ultimate goal of many is to eliminate charity and have the government do it all. The ultimate reliance on government by the people.

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Shadowfacts ➚ MAS • 4 months ago

No. They expect the "church" to take over just like in the happy times Charles Dickens so wistfully wrote about.

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AlexMcColl ➚ Shadowfacts • 4 months ago

The church is a tax exempt charity in Canada that takes tax deductible donations.

Whenever a donation is tax exempt, then it's being funded by Government.

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ChristineLalonde ➚ Delphicorc • 4 months ago

"So what is stopping the Minister of Nation Revenue from delivering
marching orders to the troops to get out and enforce the law of the land"

No balls.

Ezra showed proof that Tides Canada was renting their charitable number for a fee to those who didn't qualify. That is money laundering but RC is too spineless to take on the environutz and their media party supporters.

Shades of Caledonia

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AJ Klein ➚ Delphicorc • 4 months ago

Probably what's stopping them is that the vast, vast majority of these groups AREN'T charities. From the list that Vivian rattled off, several of them aren't even groups at all, but were events or campaigns, and the majority of them aren't charities, but rather, non-profits.

Pathetic journalism, and an offense to spread misinformation about such important issues.

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winespius ➚ AJ Klein • 4 months ago

Instead of making silly stories in a vain attempt at denigrating an excellent article you should be applauding her superb work in exposing a very dangerous trend in our country....

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AJ Klein ➚ winespius • 4 months ago

Silly stories?

Dogwood Initiative - Not a charity
Idle No More - Not a charity
LeadNow - Not a charity
Greenpeace - Not a charity
The Canadain Youth Climate Coalition - Not a charity
PIPE UP - Not a charity
Polaris Institute - Not a charity in Canada

Equiterre - Not a charity
Living Oceans - Not a charity
ForestEthics *Advocacy* - Not a charity

(It's not just ForestEthics anymore, which you'd think someone taking up so much space to rant about these things would know.)

This is just a list of the orgs I could be bothered to fact check before I decided I should do something else with my morning. Feel free to do actual research on the rest, unlike the author, apparently.

It would appear I'm not actually the one writing silly stories, but you might want to extend the same condescension to Vivian Krause.

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Shadowfacts ➚ winespius • 4 months ago
Like scientists.
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fairylake ➚ winespius • 4 months ago
And I suppose the patriotic oil industry only has our best interests at heart, even the one sold to the Chinese.
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bobmilne ➚ AJ Klein • 4 months ago
Great research AJ There's only one problem. Vivian never stated that those groups were charities. Did you read the article?
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bobmilne ➚ AJ Klein • 4 months ago
Although it is next to impossible to track the original sources for the money in question here due to the murky path that it follows. Vivian has done an excellent job of uncovering the money that flows from CHARITABLE foundations that fund TIDES. Such as The Pew CHARITABLE Trust. This money flows to non-charitable organisations such as TIDES that supports other non- charitable organisations such as The Dogwood Initiative. It is of note that many of the organisations you list as not being charities have recently become so due to Vivian's earlier work uncovering their funding and roles of pure partisan advocacy..

Twisting money is so gross
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Nahanni ➚ bobmilne • 4 months ago
You do realize that Tides USA is not a Canadian charity???? What they do with their money is the IRS' problem. US rules are different - they do not even use the term charity.

The Pews Charitable Trust is not a Canadian charity either.

There are few rules governing how Canadian NPOs, that are not charities, are funded. In fact, there is little regulation of Canadian NPOs at all - except that they not earn a profit or accumulate excessive assets. Corprorate NPOs must file corporate tax returns.

Many of the recipents of funds cited by Krause are not even Canadian organizations.

As noted previously, a Canadian registered charity can carry on political activities as long as it does not exceed 9.9% of its total activities and is not partisan.
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winteryblackknight ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago
You mean the Canadian public doesn't need to know who is funding all these opposition groups and that foreign

You mean the Canadian public doesn't need to know who is funding all these opposition groups and that foreign elites are meddling into our affairs and that much of the opposition are paid agents?

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Nahanni ➚ bobmilne • 4 months ago

No, you're right. She very deftly inferred it ..so it appears the slip-up was intentionally misleading. Since most of the responses refer to charities, Krause was quite adept in her inferences.

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winespius ➚ Nahanni • 4 months ago

That's right...typical...attack the author.

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Shadowfacts ➚ winespius • 4 months ago

Vivian is just furthering the work of Glenn Beck. No one heard of Tides before Beck decided they were bad.

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Guest ➚ AJ Klein • 4 months ago

TIDES IS a charity what's your point. TIDES gave money to every single one of these anti-oil sands initiatives you listed. It is TIDES which should have it's charitable status revoked. Again what is your point.

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Her point is to create smoke and mirrors

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