

EXPOSED The Reporters That Google Bribed To Say BS Nice Things About Google

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Previously undisclosed “go to” list of “conservative” influencers that Big Tech firm Google uses to influence the political dynamics in Washington, D.C.

As the battle over Big Tech rages in Western capitals, The National Pulse was provided with an exclusive leak of the list of think tanks and activists who Google lobbyist Max Pappas reached out to on the back of the [Federalist/Zero Hedge demonetization story](#).

Pappas – hired by Google in 2017 – took Google’s damage control messaging to nearly 100 influential figures on the right on Tuesday. The email from lobbyist Max Pappas, the email addresses have been redacted. The full list of names is at the bottom of this page.

The list (at the bottom of this article) includes key conservative influencers from major think tanks and publications – some of whom are believed to be [beneficiaries of large Google donations](#).

Featured in the list are high-profile “conservative” organizations which solicit conservatives in the public for donations, all the while promoting Big Tech talking points, and/or taking grants from Big Tech companies which continue to censor conservatives online.

The Heritage Foundation, the CATO Institute, Americans for Tax Reform, R Street, the Competitive Enterprise Institute and more were named. The National Pulse reached out to both Google and Max Pappas before publication, though neither responded to our queries.

Some of these same influencers haven't taken to social media in the past 24 hours to defend Google, or draw attention to the Google talking points on the back of the demonization story.

The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) visiting scholar Mark Jamison [tweeted ahead of the news](#) an op-ed entitled “Big Tech is biased... and that’s a good thing”.

Big Tech bias is a good thing, but some of the techniques need work. [#bigtech #antitrust #regulation](#)
<https://t.co/3mFRRXBCeg>

— Mark Jamison (@drj_policy) [June 16, 2020](#)

Jamison’s colleague at AEI, James Pethokoukis, appears to have taken his marching orders from Pappas’s email, hurriedly [publishing an article](#) on the AEI website endorsing Google’s actions, and claiming that “the ongoing conservative alarm about anti-conservative [sic] bias by America’s tech titans [continues to fail that test \[of reality\]](#)”.

In fact, Big Tech's bias against conservatives is [well documented](#).

Julian Sanchez – a CATO and Reason magazine contributor – stated “only conservative sites whine publicly about it, because other sites aren't nursing a martyr complex”:

Basically all the supposed evidence for political bias on platforms turns out to be political asymmetry of whining once you scratch the surface even slightly.

— Julian Sanchez (@normative) [June 16, 2020](#)

CATO's Matthew Feeney – director of the think-tank's “Emerging Technologies” project – used the opportunity to attack Fox News host Tucker Carlson and Senator Tom Cotton, while [defending](#) Google:

This clip (which I found on Google-owned YouTube) shows that Carlson is confused about what he calls “free speech.”

Sen. Lee seems to understand the Constitution doesn't allow Congress to bully companies at the behest of whining pundits. [#Section230](#) <https://t.co/k3Esi8fj3p>

— Matthew Feeney (@M_feeney) [June 17, 2020](#)

The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI)'s Patrick Hedger, also a [writer](#) for the NeverTrump blog *The Bulwark*, took to the CEI website to [defend](#) a multitude of Big Tech companies.

He claims, despite evident monopolistic practices in the Big Tech sector: “these companies compete with one another in some way, suggesting that competition in the broader tech sector

remains robust and lacking a justification for government investigation, let alone intervention.”

Hedger also pounced upon conservatives on Twitter:

Google literally has A.I. systems constantly moderating all aspects of YouTube, which lead to comments containing certain Chinese characters being taken down by mistake a few weeks ago. <https://t.co/KcbwV7wF2s>

— Patrick Hedger (@PatHedger18) [June 16, 2020](#)

Actually, Google DOES moderate its YouTube comment section. Many of the people I see complaining about the Federalist kerfluffle today also complained about YouTube automatically deleting comments that contained certain Chinese characters a few weeks ago.

— Patrick Hedger (@PatHedger18) [June 16, 2020](#)

The “[actually](#)”, anecdotal argument Hedger makes was never true, though it didn’t stop CEI’s Hedger [digging](#) himself deeper.

Mercatus’s Adam Thierer [blasted](#) conservatives who believe in regulating the tech sector, while Robert Winterton from an opaque group called ‘NetChoice’ based in a suite on K Street in Washington, D.C. attacked Sen Josh Hawley:

Any conservative should be scared of being able to sue over “unfairness.”

Sen. Hawley’s bill will be a huge gift to trial lawyers!

<https://t.co/Nkxwl85iLV>

— Robert Winterton (@RobPWJ) [June 17, 2020](#)

His colleague Chris Marchese [agreed on cue](#).

Jessica Miers of the TechFreedom organization – another “think tank” – [tweeted](#) her boss Eric Goldman’s article out, sneeringly entitled: “Americans would probably love Section 230... if they understood it.”

The cast of characters willing to do Google’s bidding – whether in libertarian circles or on the right proper – has grown in recent years as part of a concerted effort by Big Tech firms to buttress against real conservatives seeking to limit the power of faceless Silicon Valley censors.

In an [oped](#) by former FTC technologist Neil Chilson, the pseudo-rightist insists Americans should be grateful to Big Tech, even when being censored, because: “You can thank innovation for *The Mandalorian* and for the many ways we can stay in touch: Zoom video chats, Snapchat messages and Houseparty games. Because of American tech, we can connect even while social distancing.”

Chilson made no mention of Zoom’s links to the Chinese Communist Party, Snapchat’s airing of an interview with Dr. Fauci where he encouraging casual hook-ups in the middle of the pandemic, nor *Mandalorian* creator [Disney’s “woke” politics](#).

Chilson [works](#) for the Charles Koch institute, though fashions himself as a representative of “Stand Together”, which itself [appears](#) to be an external operation of the Koch network.

A full list of Google lobbyist Max Pappas's "go to" influencers appears below. The National Pulse asked both Google and Pappas if the list represents grantees of Google, but neither responded after almost a full day:

Name	Known Affiliation/Employer
Jennifer Huddleston	American Action Forum
Douglas Holtz-Eakin	American Action Forum
Sarah Hale	American Action Forum
Scott Fyall	American Enterprise Institute
Windle Jarvis	American Enterprise Institute
Matt Au	American Enterprise Institute
Michael Strain	American Enterprise Institute
Claude Barfield	American Enterprise Institute
Roslyn Layton	American Enterprise Institute
Jason Bertsch	American Enterprise Institute
Gus Hurwitz	American Enterprise Institute
Mark Jamison	American Enterprise Institute
Daniel Lyons	American Enterprise Institute

Bret Swanson	American Enterprise Institute
Shane Tews	American Enterprise Institute
James Pethokoukis	American Enterprise Institute
Bartlett Cleland	Innovation Economy Alliance
Brent Gardner	Americans for Prosperity
Billy Easley	Americans for Prosperity
Grover Norquist	Americans for Tax Reform
Katie McAuliffe	Americans for Tax Reform
Christopher Butler	Americans for Tax Reform
Lorenzo Montanari	Americans for Tax Reform
Alexander Hendrie	Americans for Tax Reform
Jeff Roe	Axiom Strategies
Norm Singleton	Campaign for Liberty
Julian Sanchez	CATO Institute
David Boaz	CATO Institute
Matthew Feeney	CATO Institute

Peter Van Doren	CATO Institute
Ike Brannon	CATO Institute
Walter Olson	CATO Institute
John Samples	CATO Institute
Alan Reynolds	CATO Institute
Tom Firey	CATO Institute
Harrison Moar	CATO Institute
Jesse Blumenthal	Charles Koch Institute
Neil Chilson	Charles Koch Institute
Taylor Barkley	Charles Koch Institute
Curt Levey	Committee for Justice
Ashley Baker	Committee for Justice
Steve Moore	Heritage
Phil Kerpen	American Commitment
Kent Lassman	Competitive Enterprise Institute
Wayne Crews	Competitive Enterprise Institute
Jessica Melugin	Competitive Enterprise Institute

Iain Murray	Competitive Enterprise Institute
Patrick Hedger	Competitive Enterprise Institute
Christopher Koopman	Growth Opportunity
Will Rinehart	Growth Opportunity
Dean Reuter	Federalist Society
Jon Staab	Federalist Society
Devon Westhill	Federalist Society
Alexander Biermann	Federalist Society
Jason Pye	Freedomworks
David Barnes	Americans for Prosperity
Tim Chapman	Heritage Action
Josh Arnold	Heritage Action
Robert Bluey	Heritage
Diane Katz	Heritage
Bridgett Wagner	Heritage
Martin Gillespie	Heritage
Paul Larkin	Heritage
Klon Kitchen	Heritage

Thomas Binion	Heritage
Paul Winfree	Heritage
Jack Spencer	Heritage
Amber Schwartz	Independent Women's Forum
Carrie Lukas	Independent Women's Forum
Patrice Onwuka	Independent Women's Forum
Nicole Neily	Speech First
Tom Giovanetti	Institute for Policy Innovation
Wayne Brough	Innovation Defense
Aaron Ginn	Lincoln Network
Garrett Johnson	Lincoln Network
Zach Graves	R Street
Ryan Radia	Competitive Enterprise Institute
William Upton	Lincoln Network
Charles Sauer	Market Institute
Adam Thierer	Mercatus Institute
Brent Skorup	Mercatus Center

Anne Hobson	Mercatus Institute
Andrea Castillo	Mercatus Institute
Matthew Mitchell	Mercatus Institute
Andrew Moylan	National Taxpayers Union
Brandon Arnold	National Taxpayers Union
Pete Sepp	National Taxpayers Union
Genevieve McCarthy	National Taxpayers Union
Steve DelBianco	Netchoice
Carl Szabo	Netchoice
Robert Winterton	Netchoice
Chris Marchese	Netchoice
Lauren Hyland	Netchoice
Joe Coon	Niskanen Center
Jerry Taylor	Niskanen Center
Will Wilkinson	Niskanen Center
Brink Lindsey	Niskanen Center

Mike Godwin	R Street
Eli Lehrer	R Street
Thomas Struble	R Street
Arthur Rizer	R Street
Caleb Watney	R Street
Shoshana Weissmann	R Street
Charles Duan	R Street
Kevin Kosar	R Street
Peter Suderman	Reason Foundation
Berin Szoka	Tech Freedom
Dan Benavente	Tech Freedom
Ian Adams	Internation Center for Law & Economics
Ashkhen Kazaryan	Tech Freedom
Jim Dunstan	Tech Freedom
Scott Wallsten	Tech Policy Institute
Tom Lenard	Tech Policy Institute
Glenn Lammi	Washington Legal Foundation
Cory	Washington Legal Foundation

Andrews	
Casey Given	Young Voices
John O McGinnis	Federalist Society
William Shughart	The Independent Institute
Lindsay Craig	National Review Institute
Andrea O'Sullivan	James Madison Institute
Sal Nuzzo	James Madison Institute
Rea Henderman	Buckeye Institute
Robert Alt	Buckeye Institute
Asheesh Agarwal	