

# IN HIS FINAL YEAR IN OFFICE OBAMA Spent St \$36.2 MILLION On Lawsuits To Hide Federal Records From Public

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**In addition to being the most divisive President in America's history, it appears as though Barack Obama and his regime will also go down as the least transparent administration in history...**

According to [CBS](#) -The Obama administration in its final year in office spent a record \$36.2 million on legal costs defending its refusal to turn over federal records under the Freedom of Information Act, according to an Associated Press analysis of new U.S. data that also showed poor performance in other categories measuring transparency in government.

For a second consecutive year, the Obama administration [set a record for times federal employees told citizens, journalists and others that despite searching they couldn't find a single page of files](#) that were requested.

And it set records for outright denial of access to files, refusing to quickly consider requests described as especially newsworthy, and forcing people to pay for records who had asked the government to waive search and copy fees.

The government acknowledged when challenged that it had been wrong to initially refuse to turn over all or parts of records in more than one-third of such cases, the highest rate in at least six years.

In courtrooms, the number of lawsuits filed by news organizations under the Freedom of Information Act surged during the past four years, led by the New York Times, Center for Public Integrity and The Associated Press, according to a litigation study by the Transactional Records Access