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Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
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Re: December 26, 2018 complaint against the REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA, 420 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301/PH (850) 222-7920

RPOF VIOLATIONS OF 52 USC 30121 OCTOBER 2017 TO DECEMBER 2018

The REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA (RPOF) knowingly violated 52 USC 30121 by the following actions:

- Prior to 2018 campaign, RPOF chairman directly engaged with foreign nationals seeking to influence U.S. elections.
- The RPOF chairman posted a mention of foreign organization WikiLeaks on October 28, 2017. On December 12, 2017, a foreign profile contacted a RPOF consultant and DeSantis for Governor campaign chairman with an offer of assistance from "Romania".
- Through the DeSantis campaign, the REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA accepted foreign contributions. Services were provided at least from January 11, 2018 through December 2018. Foreign nationals contributed social media targeting and messaging services to RPOF federal and state candidates in 2018.
- Through intermediaries, RPOF potentially paid foreign nationals.
- RPOF used foreign content in official campaign messaging.
- RPOF received substantial benefit from foreign contributions.

RPOF CHAIRMAN ENGAGED WITH FOREIGN ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO 2018 ELECTION

1. Prior to the 2018 election, RPOF Chairman BLAISE INGOGLIA directly engaged with WikiLeaks, a foreign organization labeled a "non-state hostile intelligence service often abetted by state actors like Russia" by CIA Director Mike Pompeo on April 13, 2017. INGOGLIA was RPOF chairman from 2015-2019.

BLAISE INGOGLIA, 2939 Landover Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34608 and PO Box 3082, Spring Hill, FL 34611-3082

BLAISE INGOGLIA @GovGoneWild cited @wikileaks activity on October 27, 2017 (attached) in which WikiLeaks refuted Director Pompeo's designation. RPOF Chairman INGOGLIA follows @wikileaks on his account @GovGoneWild as does his wife @JuliIngolia on Twitter (attached).

RPOF knew, or reasonably should have known, that engagement with a foreign organization, which previously intervened in the 2016 U.S. election on behalf of Russian Intelligence Services, could be in violation of 52 USC 30121.

2. After INGOGLIA's engagement with WikiLeaks, a foreign profile contacted the DeSantis for Governor campaign. On December 12, 2017, a "Romanian" Twitter profile contacted BRADLEY C. HEROLD and (at the time U.S. Representative) Ron DeSantis on their campaign accounts (below).

@MihaiBasarab

12 Dec 2017

Replying to **@GovRonDeSantis @repdesantis**

Rs need to play the same game. We're loaded with preeminent IT guys in Romania ready willing and able if called upon

<https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/status/940806818846203906>

The DeSantis campaign apparently accepted the offer of foreign support. HEROLD's @repdesantis social media campaign team included "BLUE INSIGHT" @blueinsight33, a 'software services and outsourcing firm in Romania.' The "BLUE INSIGHT" website (blueinsight.ro) touts its "ethnographic edge" targeting, which is similar to UK-based political consultant Cambridge Analytica.

3. The RPOF potentially paid foreign nationals through HEROLD, a former RPOF officer with INGOGLIA. RPOF knew, or reasonably should have known, that payments to HEROLD could be related to foreign contributions on social media by timing and subject, "media".

RPOF paid \$168,250 to HEROLD for "payroll" (from 1/30/18-11/14/18)

RPOF paid \$254,138.76 to HEROLD's firm Something Else Strategies, LLC for "media production" (9/17/18-10/01/18)

RPOF paid \$44,911 to HEROLD's firm Parabellum Strategies for "media" (10/3/18-10/25/18)

Source: Florida Division of Elections

RPOF RECEIVED FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ALONGSIDE DESANTIS CAMPAIGN

4. **@MihaiBasarab** and other foreign profiles supported not only DeSantis for Governor, but also 23 other federal and state RPOF 2018 candidates. **@MihaiBasarab's** October 15, 2018 post "FLORIDA VOTERS", a statewide list of GOP candidates by Congressional District, was in view of thousands of followers.

Down ballot RPOF candidates such as Virginia Fuller, although not elected, also received apparent foreign support. On April 2, 2018, **@shustring3** requested "#FortMyers" area support for "Florida" candidate Virginia Fuller. The referenced Florida Congressional District 5 actually covers counties in North Florida, not Southwest Florida, where Ft. Myers is located.

RPOF USED FOREIGN CONTENT IN OFFICIAL MESSAGING

5. REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA candidates and officers used foreign content in campaign messaging throughout 2018. Particularly foreign to the 2018 Florida campaign was anti-George Soros propaganda, which is derived from right-wing groups and politicians in Eastern and Central Europe, and appears to have been harnessed by political consultants such as Cambridge Analytica as well WikiLeaks.

The official RPOF Twitter account **@FloridaGOP** received and posted anti-Soros content (attached). **@FloridaGOP** posted anti-Soros content on September 4, 2018, and even well after the election on

December 18, 2018. @FloridaGOP echoed @MihaiBasarab from January 11, 2018.

FOREIGN NATIONALS INFLUENCED 2018 VOTER TURNOUT TO BENEFIT OF RPOF

5. The Cambridge Analytica strategy in North Carolina was to manipulate voter turnout and claimed to have boosted Republican turnout. This appears to have also happened in Florida in 2018. Somewhat against the national trend, the Florida Republican turnout of 68% was about 8% higher than Democrats. Non-affiliated voter turnout was about 44% (Source: Florida Division of Elections).

VALUE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS CONTRIBUTION SUBSTANTIAL TO RPOF

6. The value of contributions by "BLUE INSIGHT", @MihaiBasarab, and affiliated foreign nationals to RPOF candidates in the 2018 campaign may be well over \$300,000. The foreign contribution to RPOF and DeSantis campaign appears similar in scale to what UK-based Cambridge Analytica provided to the Republican Party of North Carolina in 2014.

Cambridge Analytica was paid \$345,000 by North Carolina Republicans for the 2014 campaign. According to Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie, most of the targeting and messaging was done by 20 foreign nationals, who were flown in from London in July. "We had Canadians, British, Eastern Europeans, Lithuanians, Germans, Romanians, Greeks," said Wylie. Another CA staff person claimed "the team handling the data modeling back in London was largely Eastern European and did not include any Americans." (Schechter, "Wylie-Foreigners worked for Cambridge Analytica on NC Senate campaign, *NBC News*, March 23, 2018, attached)

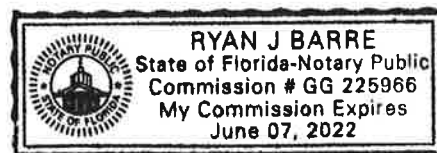
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA knew, or reasonably should have known, that the ethnographic targeting, messaging services and content provided by foreign organizations and foreign nationals were substantial contributions in violation of 52 USC 30121.

Submitted under penalty of perjury,


Signature of person bringing complaint

Sworn on the date of: 01-29-2019

As witnessed by:  Notary Public



Attachments

1. October 28, 2017 tweets of RPOF chairman BLAISE INGOGLIA @GovGoneWild and @wikileaks
2. RPOF chairman INGOGLIA @GovGoneWild and @JuliIngoglia Twitter accounts following @wikileaks
3. October 30 and 31, 2018 anti-George Soros messages to @FloridaGOP
4. September 4 and December 18, 2018 anti-George Soros messages from @FloridaGOP; January 11, 2018 message @MihaiBasarab
5. Anna Schecter, "Wylie-Foreigners worked for Cambridge Analytica on NC Senate campaign," *NBC News*, March 23, 2018

<https://twitter.com/GovGoneWild/status/924401478273466369>



Blaise Ingoglia @GovGoneWild 28 Oct 2017

If anyone cares there's a great Twitter exchange between @wikileaks and @CNN's @jaketapper right now.

<https://twitter.com/wikileaks/status/924396823841734656>



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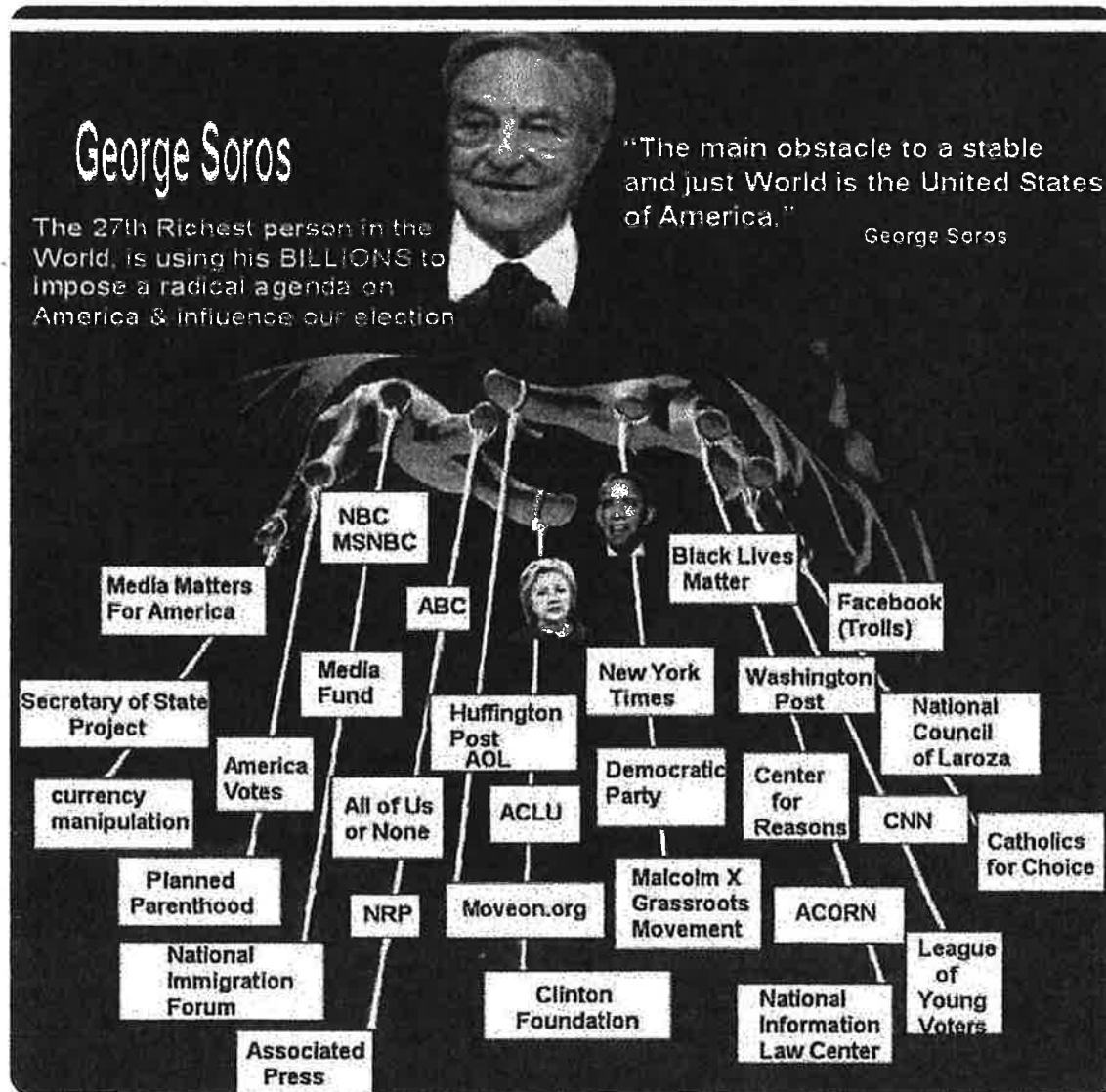
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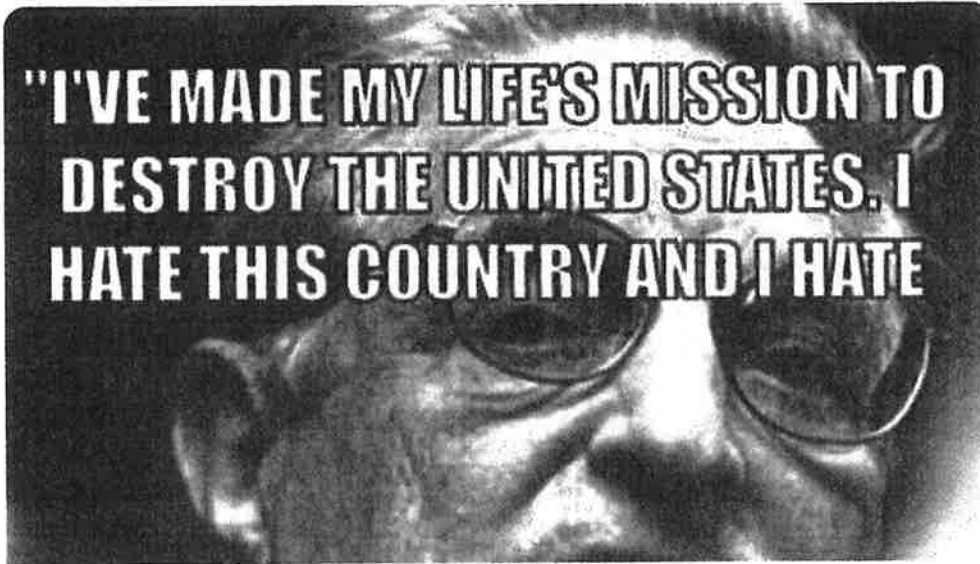


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Catherine Mooney @0202pmurt 30 Oct 2018

Replying to @FloridaGOP @AndrewGillum @RonDeSantisFL

His backer is **George Soros**. George stole from Jews and joined the Nazis. Andy has been groomed



<https://twitter.com/FloridaGOP/status/1075084167774396417>

Florida GOP @FloridaGOP 18 Dec 2018

Billionaire Democrat extremist, George Soros, paid \$500K to the group that harassed Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi at a movie theater. Liberals have made it clear if you disagree with them you deserve to be heckled no matter where you are.

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Florida GOP @FloridaGOP 4 Sep 2018

Although @AndrewGillum likes to pretend his campaign is fueled by donations from Floridians, it's actually liberal megadonor billionaires like **George Soros** who are bankrolling Gillum's efforts to become governor.

<https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/status/951586496858947585>



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab 11 Jan 2018

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NBC NEWS/RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Wylie: Foreigners worked for Cambridge Analytica on NC Senate campaign

A former Cambridge Analytica staffer says foreigners worked on U.S. campaigns and made decisions, despite a legal memo that advised otherwise.

March 23, 2018, 6:04 PM EDT / Updated March 25, 2018, 4:11 PM EDT

By Anna Schechter

Lawyers told Steve Bannon and other managers of data firm Cambridge Analytica in 2014 that only U.S. citizens should be "making decisions about U.S. election activity," but the Cambridge teams working on several congressional campaigns that year were largely composed of foreign nationals anyway, according to two former staffers.

As first reported by The New York Times, attorney Lawrence Levy of Bracewell & Giuliani sent a memo to Bannon, conservative megadonor Rebekah Mercer and Cambridge founder Andrew Nix that said Nix would have to be "recused from substantive management of any such clients involved in U.S. elections" because Nix is not a U.S. national.

The memo from former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani's law firm, obtained by NBC News, also says that foreign nationals could collect and process data, but "may not play strategic roles including the giving of strategic advice to candidates, campaigns, political parties or independent expenditure committees."

Revealed: secret memo warned Trump data firm about breaking U.S. Law

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It also advises that "final analysis of said data should be conducted by U.S. citizens and conveyed to any U.S. clients by such citizens."

But Chris Wylie, a 28-year-old Canadian who ran messaging for Cambridge out of its London office in 2014, said he worked on all the company's U.S. political campaigns in 2014, "and stopped at most of them, like Thom Tillis's campaign." Tillis ran for and won a U.S. Senate seat in North Carolina in 2014.

Wylie said that many foreign nationals worked on the campaigns, and many were embedded in the campaigns around the U.S. "It was not just me," he said. "Like 20 other people were. We had Canadians, British, Eastern Europeans, Lithuanians, Germans, Romanians, Greeks."

"We weren't just working on messaging. We were instructing campaigns on which messages go

where and to who."

Wylie said that his largely foreign team instructed the Tillis campaign "on the messaging. We crafted his messaging, we targeted his messaging."

Image: Chris Wylie Chris Wylie, from Canada, who once worked for the UK-based political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica, gives a talk entitled "The Most Important Whistleblower Since Snowden: The Mind Behind Cambridge Analytica" at the Frontline Club in London on March 20, 2018. Matt Dunham / AP

He said he couldn't recall any American Cambridge employees working on the Tillis campaign. "There were three or four full-time CA staffers embedded in Tillis's campaign on the ground in Raleigh. All of them were foreign nationals."

Wylie said the workers were flown from London to North Carolina in July.

Cambridge has said that Wylie left the company in July 2014. Wylie told NBC News that while he gave notice in July, he continued to work for the company until just before the elections on Nov. 4, 2014.

A second former senior Cambridge staffer also said that most of the messaging team in 2014 was composed of foreign nationals. The staffer confirmed that there were foreign nationals in North Carolina working on the Tillis campaign.

The staffer said that the team handling the data and data modeling back in London was largely Eastern European and did not include any Americans.

A spokesperson for the Tillis campaign said that Cambridge staffers could not have been embedded in the campaign in Raleigh because the Tillis campaign was based in Cornelius, N.C., which is outside Charlotte. NBC News, said the spokesperson, "apparently doesn't understand that a candidate's campaign and a state party are not the same things."

A spokesman for the Republican Party of North Carolina also said the Cambridge Analytica workers were not embedded in the Tillis campaign, but worked for the state party.

He said that there is "not one single accusation that we or Tillis did anything wrong, unethical or unlawful."

"What is most important is the work for the party ended at the conclusion of the 2014 election cycle. We made one payment in 2015, for 2014 work."

He also said that Cambridge Analytica is not accused of breaking any law or FEC rules during its work in North Carolina in 2014, and that the state party had not worked with the company since.

Image: Thom Tillis Republican Senate candidate and North Carolina House Speaker Thom Tillis

waves to supporters at an election night rally in Charlotte, North Carolina, after defeating Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan. Tillis' victory over Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan wasn't just about getting voters to the polls, but getting the right ones in the right places to vote. Chuck Burton / AP file

SCL, the parent company of Cambridge Analytica, did not respond to the specific assertion that foreign nationals were directly involved in messaging decisions, but has previously told NBC News that all personnel in strategic roles were U.S. nationals or green card holders. The company also said that Nix never had any strategic or operational role in U.S. campaigns.

An attorney for an electoral law watchdog group said he was "not aware" of the Federal Election Commission addressing whether the foreign national ban should specifically apply to a group like Cambridge Analytica.

"The general rule that a foreign national should not be directing or otherwise involved in decisions about contributions or expenditures made by a campaign or super PAC should apply, regardless of the formal role they have in the campaign or with the super PAC," said Brendan Fischer of the Campaign Legal Center. "The FEC has not squarely addressed this issue."

Image: CEO of Cambridge Analytica Alexander Nix speaks at the 2016 Concordia Summit - Day 1 at the Grand Hyatt New York on Sep. 19, 2016 in New York City. CEO of Cambridge Analytica Alexander Nix speaks at the 2016 Concordia Summit - Day 1 at the Grand Hyatt New York on Sep. 19, 2016 in New York City. Bryan Bedder / Getty Images for Concordia Summit

Fischer said that if the foreign national is only providing advice about expenditures, but is not part of the decision-making about the expenditures, "the FEC might say that that's okay."

Fischer also said Nix could also play a major role as long as he were not involved in how particular committees made expenditures.

The Campaign Legal Center has filed an unrelated complaint with the FEC that alleges Cambridge Analytica served as a conduit between the Trump campaign and a super PAC funded by the Mercer family during the 2016 campaign.

The FEC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

December 26, 2018

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VIOLATION OF 52 USC 30121 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS

The REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA (RPOF) knowingly violated 52 USC 30121 by accepting the contributions of foreign nationals to benefit party and candidates in the 2018 campaign. RPOF corruptly used voter data and engaged in voter suppression. This complaint cites personal and public information.

RPOF CORRUPTLY ATTEMPTED TO ACQUIRE DATA

1. REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA attempted to corruptly acquire voter data with a fake mail survey. The "*Sunshine State Opinion Survey*" from "SEQUOIA RESEARCH, LLC" was received by complainant in mail on or around August 27, 2018 (See copy attached).
 - The "SEQUOIA RESEARCH, LLC" letter falsely claims to be conducting a "nonpartisan survey," when it is actually partisan voter data mining.
 - "*Sunshine State Opinion Survey*" impersonates the legitimate USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey administered by Dr. Susan McManus.
 - "SEQUOIA RESEARCH, LLC" is not registered in Florida. 7643 Gate Parkway Suite 104-579, Jacksonville, FL 32256 is a location for mailboxes.
 - Survey 'Manager' A. Edward Wright' is fictitious.
 - Survey intended to target Florida Jewish voters, "*People like you in Florida*". Phrase "*you are among the small number that have been chosen*" is coded for "The Chosen Few".
2. REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA deceived complainant and Florida voters by failing to disclose its involvement in the "*Sunshine State Opinion Survey*". RPOF knew, or reasonably should have known, that fake names for an individual and business were used in the letter.

Polk County Republican FRANK STEVEN SNIVELY's hand-writing matches the 'A. Edward Wright' signature. (attached) SNIVELY's signature was witnessed by Patricia S. Owens, Notary Public on March 10, 2008 (SEQUOIA ADVISORY GROUP, INC Florida business Document # P08000028561, FEI/EIN Number 26-2241102). The company was dissolved in 2011 according to state records.

FRANK STEVEN SNIVELY, : Lake Wales, FL 33898

3. "*Sunshine State Opinion Survey*" does not identify the political party, candidate and committee that paid for it. Based on the timing of expenditures, RPOF was one of several Republican entities that

funded and meant to benefit from the fake survey. The attached survey was received on or around August 27, 2018. RPOF made payments to a printer in Jacksonville, FL on 7/24/2018 for "direct mail services" for \$2,959.13. The same printer also received \$32,659.24 for "direct mail" from RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR on 7/24/2018. *Source: Florida Division of Elections*

4. Campaign finance records show RPOF consultant and DESANTIS campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD's firm PARABELLUM STRATEGIES, LLC and political consultant BRENT SEABORN's DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS received payments on or near the same time as the Jacksonville printer.

RPOF made a 7/24/2018 payment of \$30,000 to DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS (BRENT SEABORN) for "research". FRIENDS OF RON DESANTIS PAC paid HEROLD's firm PARABELLUM STRATEGIES, LLC for \$990,319.99 on 7/24/2018 for "direct mail services" *Source: Florida Division of Elections*

RPOF CORRUPTLY USED VOTER DATA

5. REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA used voter data for a deceptive text messaging and email campaign targeting Florida Jewish voters. Press reports credited New Jersey based political consultant ELNATAN RUDOLPH for the DESANTIS text and email messaging campaign. RUDOLPH's firms were paid "at least \$268,000" by the FRIENDS OF RON DESANTIS PAC for text messaging related services (Swisher and Christensen, "PLZ Vote4Me," *Sun Sentinel*, October 21, 2018).

6. In September 2018, text messages sent to the cell phones of "voters with Jewish last names" ("PLZ Vote4Me", *Sun Sentinel*, October 21, 2018) claimed DESANTIS' opponent Andrew Gillum had "ever-mounting ties to blatant anti-Semitism." ("Text Messages to Jewish Voters Inflamm Tense Florida Governor's race," *New York Times*, October 25, 2018)

7. RPOF coordinated with a voter deception campaign targeted Florida Jewish voters on social media. This included the impersonation of a government official, "US Embassy Jerusalem," on Twitter. The account posted a message on September 7 that appeared to oppose Democrat Andrew Gillum for the benefit of RPOF candidate for governor RON DESANTIS (attached).

VOTER DATA USED BY FOREIGN NATIONALS

8. RPOF knew, or reasonably should have known, that Florida voter information being was used by foreign nationals. RPOF consultant BRENT SEABORN/DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS/SEABORN STRATEGIC; BRADLEY C. HEROLD/PARABELLUM STRATEGIES/SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES (attached); and DESANTIS consultant ELNATAN RUDOLPH/JHSM received payments for messaging and targeting.

In 2017, BRENT SEABORN's firm DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS left unsecured the data of 198 million American voters (Uchill, "Data on 198 million voters exposed by GOP contractor," *The Hill*, June 7, 2017). The breach included substantial Florida data as reported by the cybersecurity firm UpGuard: <https://www.upguard.com/breaches/the-rnc-files>

RPOF made its largest payments to DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS after public reporting of the breach; \$30,000 on 7/24/2018 and \$30,000 on 7/31/2018.

9. Foreign nationals targeted the Florida voters most likely to vote Democrat with voter

suppression messaging. Targets included African American, Jewish, young and Independent voters that were likely to vote Democrat in 2018. Foreign nationals contacted Florida voters, candidates, parties and journalists with fake profiles, posing as Americans or Florida voters.

African American voters are the most targeted group for suppression by Russian-linked accounts over ALL social media platforms. Commissioned by the U.S. Senate, *New Knowledge* report "The Tactics and Tropes of the Internet Research Agency" (2018), describes the sustained voter suppression effort against African Americans by the Russian troll farm, the Internet Research Agency (excerpt attached).
<https://disinformationreport.blob.core.windows.net/disinformation-report/NewKnowledge-Disinformation-Report-Whitepaper-121718.pdf>

FOREIGN NATIONALS USED FAKE PROFILES AND FOREIGN CONTENT TO DECEIVE FLORIDA VOTERS

10. Fake social media profiles are a means of infiltrating and turning Democratic leaning voters for the benefit of REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA. "Chris A. Tucks" is one such account, using a hybrid African American/Tea Party image claiming to be a "Former Liberal Dem" based in Florida (attached):

Cris A. Tucks

@CrisTucks

Tweets 459 Following 13.8K Followers 12.9K Likes 3,137

Former Liberal Dem turned Free Thinking Patriot doing my part to help protect the most important human experiment conducted in the history of mankind.

Florida, USA

Joined September 2018

<https://twitter.com/CrisTucks>

On November 4, @CrisTucks defended the DESANTIS text messaging campaign while sending a link to a story critical of Gillum (attached). (*since deleted from Twitter*) Fake profiles defended Republican candidates from unfavorable news coverage:

AMABLACKPATRIOT

@DrShayPhD

Aug 30

I am a black woman. I say with all due respect that only truly stupid race-baiters have determined that DeSantis use of the statement 'monkey this up' is a racist remark. White Liberals and their FAKE CARE FOR BLACKS is sickening.

29 replies 94 retweets 182 likes

Reply 29 Retweet 94 Like 182 Direct message

<https://twitter.com/DrShayPhD/status/1035163156761530370>

11. Foreign content was used for voter suppression messaging against Floridians. The first #BLEXIT reference (Blacks exit Democratic Party) by a pro-DESANTIS/anti-Gillum personality appears to be on August 30, 2018 (attached; text below). (*since deleted from Twitter*).

Proud Trumplican

@kewlbeanz88

Aug 30

Replying to @pocono_mtn @AndrewGillum and 2 others
just another whiny #UsefulPuppet on the #Soros bankroll

#BLEXIT

https://twitter.com/pocono_mtn/status/1035232055062224896

Anti-George Soros messaging content is foreign in origin. Anti-Soros propaganda has its roots in Romania and right-wing groups of eastern and central Europe (Tamkin, "Who's Afraid of George Soros", *Foreign Policy*, October 10, 2017).

FOREIGN NATIONALS IN CONTACT WITH RPOF CANDIDATE

13. The REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA coordinated with foreign nationals to deceive Florida voters. RPOF knew, or reasonably should have known, that some of its 'social media influencers' were foreign nationals and that messaging with foreign content was used in attempt to influence Florida voters. Foreign nationals actively contributed messaging and targeting of Florida voters across social media platforms from at least January 2018 through December 2018.

14. The DESANTIS campaign was contacted December 12, 2017 by the Twitter profile **@MihaiBasarab**, which identifies as Romanian. (attached, and below):

#LiveFreeOrDie

@MihaiBasarab

12 Dec 2017

Replying to **@GovRonDeSantis @repdesantis**

Rs need to play the same game. We're loaded with preeminent IT guys in Romania ready willing and able if called upon

<https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/status/940806818846203906>

15. DESANTIS campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD's social media team includes at least one foreign national contact connected to the "Romanian" offer, **@blueinsight33**. (9 visible accounts, attached) "BLUE INSIGHT" provides "Romania" as location, and has a large number of U.K. politician accounts in his/her portfolio.

The website of "BLUE INSIGHT" (attached) advertises itself as "Software Services & Outsourcing" at 14 Padurea Dumbrava Street/Sibiu, Romania/Phone: (0040) 740 283 511/Email contact@blueinsight.ro

FOREIGN NATIONALS ENGAGED IN DISTRICT TARGETING

16. Foreign nationals were in possession of specific targeting information. "Romanian" **@MihaiBasarab** and likely foreign national **@shustring3** published Congressional districts and candidates for support, in view of their thousands of Twitter followers.

@MihaiBasarab, in an October 15, 2018 message titled "FLORIDA VOTERS" published a list of Republican candidates and their districts. (attached) The message would have signaled account followers that were project team members.

On April 2, 2018 **@shustring3** requested "#FortMyers" area support for "Florida" candidate Virginia Fuller. (attached). The referenced Florida Congressional District 5 actually covers counties in northern Florida, not Southwest Florida, where Ft. Myers is located.

FOREIGN NATIONALS ENGAGED IN VOTER SUPPRESSION

17. REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA benefited from voter suppression messaging by foreign nationals. Profiles acting as Florida 'peers' conceded some Florida voters would not support DESANTIS or other Republican candidates, but claimed Democrats were not worthy of their vote either. These messages attempted to discourage these targeted Florida voters from participation in elections at all.

"**Liberal Jews will not vote for Gillum**", "**I'm not voting**", "**#stayhome**" were among the coercive and suppressive messages (below) from personalities posing as African American/young Floridians/peers:

A_Daughter_Of_Zion

@_zion_zioness_

Nov 5

Replying to @fishin_me @AndrewGillum

what a lot of sleep sheep are voting for tomorrow. Something I'm not about to do. Not voting.

1 reply 0 retweets 2 likes

Reply 1 Retweet Like 2 Direct message

https://twitter.com/_zion_zioness_/status/1059624914599206912

Ibrahim

@ibrahim_201777

Nov 4

Gillum would be like a vote for Anti-Semitic activist Louis Farrakhan

Liberal left Jews will not vote for Gillum

Andrew Gillum would turn FLORIDA into a crime spree Destroy

Property values carjackings, house invasions

https://youtu.be/DAIX_MaLMM via @YouTube

0 replies 0 retweets 1 like

Reply Retweet Like 1 Direct message

https://twitter.com/ibrahim_201777/status/1059235146690252801

(since deleted from Twitter)

Afi Keita James

@uniqueshaqfan

Sep 2

Replying to @suziharrphoto @RepDeSantis @AndrewGillum

I Could care less #fuckbothpoliticalparties I am staying home, your precious

Gillum is owned by the Zionist soros and if he wins, I am leaving florida

and of course desantis is a joke too #stayhome for me.

2 replies 1 retweet 1 like

Reply 2 Retweet 1

Like 1

<https://twitter.com/uniqueshaqfan/status/1036362906596782080>

18. Voter suppression messaging is evident in Florida print media. *Tampa Bay Times* letters to the editor on December 13 and 21, 2018 have a singular message "Why I don't vote"; one letter specifically targets African Americans; the other appears to target Independent voters. (attached) The suppression

of each demographic, one heavily Democratic, the other Democrat leaning, benefits RPOF.

In the Tampa Bay area (Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties), the 67.5% Republican turnout was 6 percentage points higher than Democrat in the 2018 election. Unaffiliated voter turnout was at 43.4% (Florida Division of Elections as cited by Mahoney and Taylor, "The Buzz on Florida Politics/Why Democrats lost", *Tampa Bay Times*, December 23, 2018).

VALUE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS CONTRIBUTION SUBSTANTIAL TO RPOF

19. The value of contributions by "BLUE INSIGHT" and affiliated foreign nationals to REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA candidates in the 2018 campaign may be well over \$300,000.

UK-based Cambridge Analytica was paid \$345,000 by North Carolina Republicans for the 2014 campaign. (Murphy and Bonner, *McClatchy*, attached) Cambridge Analytica provided targeting and messaging. A Cambridge Analytica staffer described foreign workers in the 2014 campaign as "eastern European": <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/elections/wylie-foreigners-worked-cambridge-analytica-nc-senate-campaign-n859526>

Direct payments to "BLUE INSIGHT" are not found in the Florida Division of Elections database. Amounts paid by party and candidate to the firms of the following consultants over the 2018 campaign for data mining, targeting and messaging—

BRENT SEABORN: \$95,657.60 (RPOF)
 BRADLEY C. HEROLD: \$377,258.67(RPOF)/\$1,050,719.99 (DESANTIS campaign and PAC)
 ELNATAN RUDOLPH: \$268,000 (DESANTIS PAC)

Submitted under penalty of perjury,


 Signature of person bringing complaint

Sworn on the date of: December 26, 2018

As witnessed by: Rebecca Goniwich



Attachments

1. "Sunshine State Opinion Survey" August 2018/Envelope
2. 'Survey manager' signature match with Polk County, FL Republican
3. RPOF payments to TERRY BRENT SEABORN and BRADLEY C. HEROLD firms
4. "US Embassy Jerusalem" on Twitter September 2018-Impersonation of U.S. official
5. Excerpt: *New Knowledge* report, "Extensive Operations Targeting Black-American Communities/Voter Suppression Operations."
6. October 6, 2018 @CrisTucks #BLEXIT (front)/"Cris A. Tucks" Twitter profile (back)
7. August 30, 2018 #BLEXIT/Anti-Soros messaging in support of DESANTIS campaign @kewlbeanz88
8. December 12, 2017 @MihaiBasaran message to DESANTIS campaign accounts
9. BRADLEY C. HEROLD's campaign account @repdesantis follower @blueinsight33 (front); @blueinsight33 account following @repdesantis (back)
10. "BLUE INSIGHT" webpage
11. October 25, 2018 "FLORIDA VOTERS"@MihaiBasarab
12. April 2, 2018 @shustring3 targets Florida Congressional District 5
13. "Why I don't vote", *Letters to the Editor, Tampa Bay Times* (December 13 and 21, 2018)
14. Murphy and Bonner, "Tillis and NC Republicans paid \$345,000 to the data firm that's now banned from Facebook," *McClatchy Washington Bureau* (March 19, 2018)

Sunshine State Opinion Survey

INVITATION TO THE SUNSHINE STATE OPINION SURVEY

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Joseph Weinzettle

PO Box 282

Tarpon Springs, FL 34688-0282



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to have your voice included.

Dear Joseph:

You are among a small number of people who have been chosen to participate in the 2018 Sunshine State Opinion Survey, a confidential, nonpartisan survey of people in Florida.

You were randomly selected to represent people in your neighborhood. Your response is important, and will help us understand the views of people like you in Florida on a number of issues important to our community.

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The survey will take only 5-10 minutes to complete. **Your responses will be kept confidential and we will not ask for any sensitive personal information.**

To answer the survey or to learn more, **use your smartphone or computer to visit www.sunshineopinion.org. To participate, enter your login below.**

For: Joseph

Login: _____

The survey is available now. We would appreciate it if you were to respond by Tuesday, September 4.

Thank you for joining the survey.

Sincerely,

A. Edward Wright

Manager, Sunshine State Opinion Survey, edward@sunshineopinion.org

P.S. A computer or smartphone is required. The survey **cannot** be completed by mail or phone.

Sincerely,



A. Edward Wright

Manager, Sunshine State Opinion



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RPOF AND DESANTIS PAYMENTS TO BRENT SEABORN AND BRADLEY C. HEROLD 2017-2018:
RELATED TO DATA MINING, TARGETING AND MESSAGING

RPOF PAYMENTS TO SEABORN'S FIRMS 12/15/2017-7/31/2018: \$62,921.60

2017 Q4	12/15/2017	279.04	SEABORN STRATEGIC	2637 E. ATLANTIC AVE., #31453
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062			TELEPHONE CALLS	MON
2017 Q4	12/18/2017	1,642.56	SEABORN STRATEGIC	2637 E. ATLANTIC AVE., #31453
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062			TELEPHONE CALLS	MON
2018 Q1	01/17/2018	1,000.00	SEABORN STRATEGIC	2637 E. ATLANTIC AVE., #31453
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062			TELEPHONE CALLS	MON
2018 P7	07/24/2018	30,000.00	DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS, LLC	1600 WILSON BLVD., SUITE 330
ARLINGTON, VA 22209			RESEARCH SERVICES	MON
2018 P7	07/31/2018	30,000.00	DEEP ROOT ANALYTICS, LLC	1600 WILSON BLVD., SUITE 330
ARLINGTON, VA 22209			RESEARCH SERVICES	MON

DESANTIS COMMITTEE PAYMENT TO SEABORN FIRM 5/22/2108: \$32,736

Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC)	05/22/2018	32,736.00	SEABORN STRATEGIC
779 DOWNING STREET	TEANECK, NJ 07666		DIRECT MAIL SERVICES
MON			

RPOF PAYMENTS TO HEROLD's FIRMS 4/16/2018-10/25/2018: \$377,258.67

2018 P7	04/16/2018	5,350.00	PARABELLUM STRATEGIES	17 N. FOREST AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32803			MEDIA	MON
2018 P7	04/16/2018	5,139.91	PARABELLUM STRATEGIES	17 N. FOREST AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32803			MEDIA	MON
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ORLANDO, FL 32803			MEDIA	MON
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ORLANDO, FL 32803			MEDIA	MON
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EASLEY, SC 29642			MEDIA PRODUCTION	MON
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ORLANDO, FL 32803			DIRECT MAIL CONSULTING	MON
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EASLEY, SC 29642			MEDIA PRODUCTION	MON
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ORLANDO, FL 32803			MEDIA	

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ORLANDO, FL 32803 MEDIA MON

DESANTIS PAYMENTS to HEROLD's firms 7/20/2018-8/21/2018: \$1,050,719.99

DeSantis, Ron (REP)(GOV) 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT	07/20/2018 EASLEY, SC 29642	3,840.00 SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES, LLC MEDIA PRODUCTION MON
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Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC) 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT	08/27/2018 EASLEY, SC 29642	4,200.00 SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES, LLC MEDIA PRODUCTION ECC
Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC) 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT	08/27/2018 EASLEY, SC 29642	8,320.00 SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES, LLC MEDIA PRODUCTION ECC

Source: Florida Division of Elections Campaign Finance Database

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Lantern Ridge Drive, Easley, SC 29642

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US Embassy Jerusalem @USEmbassyIsrael Sep 7

Andrew Gillum: Trump's Jerusalem Embassy Move Was 'Unnecessary' and A 'Provocation' | Breitbart usembassyjerusalem.com/andrew-gillum-...



OJC Jewish Chamber @ojchamber Sep 13

Florida gubernatorial candidate **Andrew Gillum** has aligned himself with several prominent anti-Semitic orgs known for promoting **BDS** fueling questions about how the Democratic candidate would handle issues of import to the state's large pro-Israel community.

Max Baby it's Cold Outside @mhoward48 Oct 30

Replying to [@AndrewGillum](#) [@realDonaldTrump](#) [@RonDeSantisFL](#)

I cannot tell where [#AndrewGillum](#) ends and George Soros begins. Just remember Soros supports this Antisemitic Socialist. Soros funds groups that promote the BDS movement & routinely slander Israel and the **IDF** using anti-Semitic groups. Vote for [@RonDeSantisFL](#)

samuel pharris @pharris_samuel Nov 6

Replying to [@LauraLoomer](#) [@AndrewGillum](#) [@RonDeSantisFL](#)

IDF would take this loser down- Jew hating leftists



The Tactics & Tropes of the Internet Research Agency

ANALYSIS BY

Renee DiResta, Dr. Kris Shaffer, Becky Ruppel, David Sullivan, Robert Matney, Ryan Fox (New Knowledge)

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Ben Johnson (Canfield Research, LLC)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

possible that the 20 million is not accounting for impact from regrams, which may be difficult to track because Instagram does not have a native sharing feature.

- In 2017, as media covered their Facebook and Twitter operations, the IRA shifted much of its activity to Instagram.
 - Instagram engagement outperformed Facebook, which may indicate its strength as a tool in image-centric memetic (meme) warfare. Alternately, it is possible that the IRA's Instagram engagement was the result of click farms; a few of the provided accounts reference what appears to be a live engagement farm.
 - Our assessment is that Instagram is likely to be a key battleground on an ongoing basis.
- **Extensive Operations Targeting Black-American Communities**
 - The most prolific IRA efforts on Facebook and Instagram specifically targeted Black American communities and appear to have been focused on developing Black audiences and recruiting Black Americans as assets.
 - The IRA created an expansive cross-platform media mirage targeting the Black community, which shared and cross-promoted authentic Black media to create an immersive influence ecosystem.
 - The IRA exploited the trust of their Page audiences to develop human assets, at least some of whom were not aware of the role they played. This tactic was substantially more pronounced on Black-targeted accounts.
 - The degree of integration into authentic Black community media was not replicated in the otherwise Right-leaning or otherwise Left-leaning content.
 - **Voter Suppression Operations**
 - Despite statements from Twitter and Facebook debating whether it was possible to gauge whether voter suppression content was present, there were three primary variants of specific voter suppression narratives spread on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
 - ♦ Malicious misdirection (Twitter-based text-to-vote scams, tweets designed to create confusion about voting rules)
 - ♦ Candidate support redirection ('vote for a 3rd party!')
 - ♦ Turnout depression ('stay home on Election Day, your vote doesn't matter')

Cris A. Tucks
@CrisTucks

Follow @CrisTucks

Replying to @AbelHarding @FlaDems and 2 others

I do agree- getting texts with links from campaigns are not welcomed BUT neither is a knock at the door from strangers during dinner time.

How about a link from just an average Patriot?

#walkaway

#BLEXIT

FBI investigation looms over FL Dem nominee

<https://twitter.com/CrisTucks/status/1059256911558778887>

Tweets	Following	Followers	Likes
<u>499</u>	15.5K	14.7K	3,680



Cris A. Tucks

@CrisTucks

Former Liberal Dem turned Free Thinking Patriot doing my part to help protect the most important human experiment conducted in the history of mankind.

Florida, USA

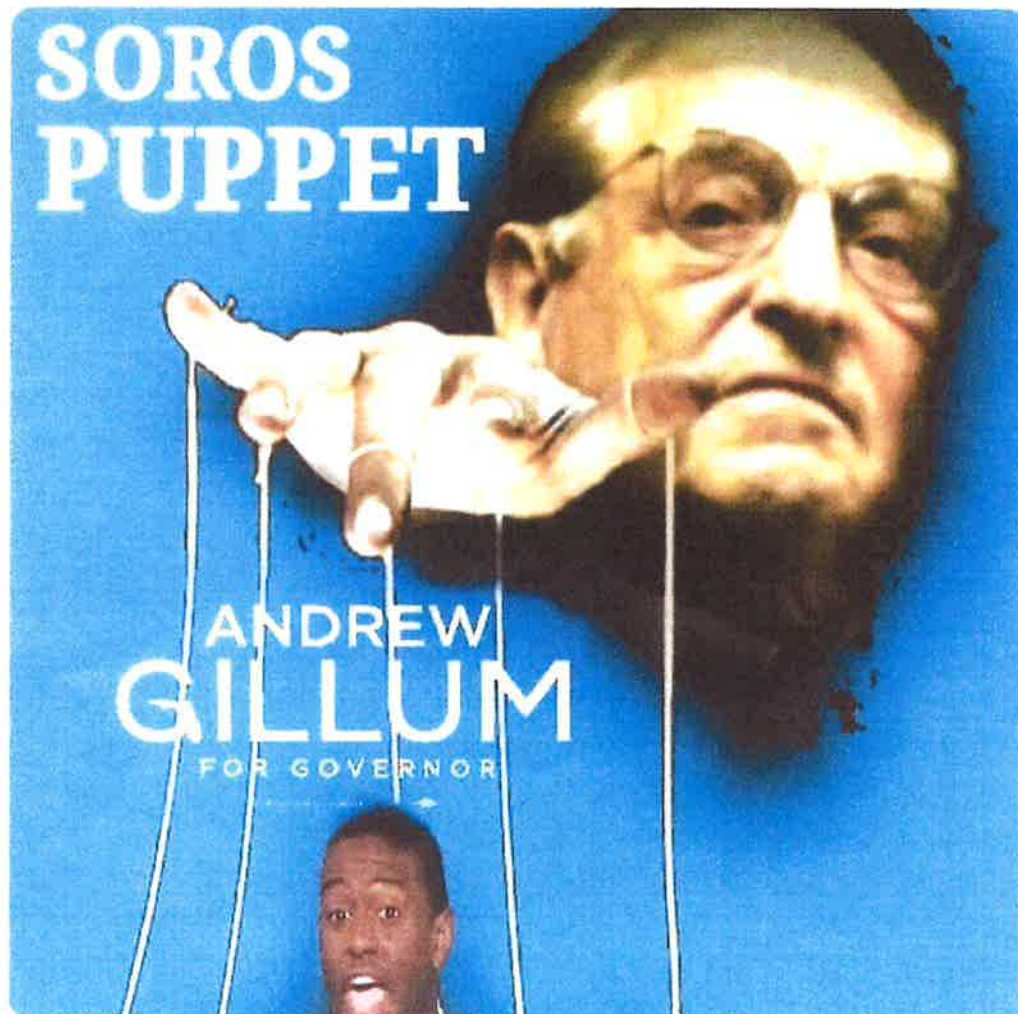
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6 Photos and videos

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#BLEXIT





Ron DeSantis _ @GovRonDeSantis 12 Dec 2017

Disaster. What a difference between the pathetic handling of Hillary Clinton's case and the scorched earth approach to Trump. Need full accounting of Strzok's role in all of this!

Shannon Bream _ @ShannonBream

Strzok/Page texts obtained by Fox's @JakeBGibson - POTUS called a "loathsome human being" "an idiot" "awful"

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8:53 PM - 12 Dec 2017

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Tweets
62.4K

Following
2,502

Followers
2,634

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User actions

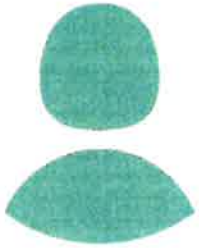
#LiveFreeOrDie
@MihaiBasarab

If my enemies knew me better, they would hate me even more; If my friends knew me better, they would like me even more. ~ Bed of Procrustes 🇷🇴🇺🇸

Romania America • twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/s...

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Charles T Anderson

@woesomecharlie1

Patriot, older than dirt, pro life, pro Isreal, 1A, 2A, reborn nationalist Western Chauvinist, no DM's, no lists, MAGA, KAG, and God bless all of you.

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@sandrajeanne48

Patriot, military brat, love the American Dream! Retired teacher of 33+ years. Love the youth of today!! TRUMP is MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!

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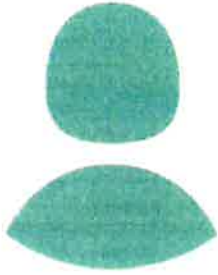
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Please note my Twitter account has changed to @GeorgeFreemanMP



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Mum, Labour and Co-operative MP for Leigh. Shadow Minister for Cabinet Office. For constituency queries please email: Joanne.platt.mp@parliament.uk



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@DominicRaab

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<https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/status/1051756240987144192>



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Florida Voters

D1 Gaetz @RepMattGaetz

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D4 Rutherford @RepRutherfordFL

D5 Fuller @Florida_CD5

D6 Waltz @michaelgwaltz

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D8 Posey @congbillposey

D9 Liebnitzky @LiebnitzkyWayne

D11 Webster @WebsterCongress

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#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Oct 15

D13 Buck @gbuck_jr

D15 Spano @RossSpano

D16 Buchanan @VernBuchanan

D17 Steube @gregsteube

D18 Mast @BrianMastFL

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#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Oct 15

AG Amy Moody @voteashleymoody

Gov Ron DeSantis @RonDeSantisFL

Senate Rick Scott @ScottforFlorida



Anna Marie @shuststring3 Apr 2

Replying to @Edgweater042044 @stan48fan and 13 others

Add Flordia Rep Virginia Fuller if you are in #FortMyers area she is pro Trump @Florida_CD5

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<https://twitter.com/shuststring3/status/980730291441623040>

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Anna Marie

@shustring3

#Married #TrumpSupporter#NativeAmerica 1 #Constitution#BuildTheWall #MAGA #AmericaFirstProud Daughter of USMC WW2-Leyte & ParrisIsland-korea Vet. #SemperFi

North Carolina, USA

Facebook.com/Shustring

Joined October 2009

Tampa Bay Times website <https://www.tampabay.com/letters/saturdays-letters-my-dad-was-executed-but-was-he-guilty-of-the-crime-20181214/>

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saturday's letters to the editor

A black woman on her GOP | Column, Dec. 13

Why I don't vote

My dear sister U.S. Rep. Mia Love expressed the difficulty of being a black Republican and I understand. Though I am neither a Republican nor Democrat I felt compelled to speak on this. I say I am neither because at 34 years old I have never voted. No, I am not a felon. Yes, I hear my people saying my ancestors fought for this right and I am disgracing our struggle. But if they fought for freedom shouldn't I have the right to freely choose not to vote?

The issue I would like to address is black America's infatuation with the Democratic Party. We have such an affinity for them that we hate the Republicans with a passion. They are often referred to as racists and elitists. In this regard my people often overlook the fact that these same attributes reside on the left as well.

As a black man I am often scolded or accused of "selling out" if I express any interest toward the GOP. I often wonder what the Democrats have done for us that has us beholden to them. Yet, I also ponder what the Republican Party has done to us that sparks such animosity. We should be able to have an open conversation about politics among one another without someone calling a racist epithet.

Julius Jackson, Tampa

Tampa Bay Times website <https://www.tampabay.com/letters/fridays-letters-here-is-help-for-veterans-who-are-struggling-20181220/>

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Why I don't vote

I've often wanted to write about the issue of not voting. As much as possible, I want the government out of my life. The only purpose of government is to protect our rights, meaning to protect us from physical violence and to use force only against those who initiate force. In other words, the proper function of government is for the police to protect us from criminals and the military to protect us from foreign invaders. In addition, we have the courts to protect property rights and contracts from breach or fraud and to settle disputes according to objective law.

I do not vote. The political duopoly is an exclusive club, a collective monopoly that excludes competition and new ideas even after decades of failed governance. Their arrogance is breathtaking. To vote merely encourages them and gives them credibility to continue with the same polices that have created the largest debtor nation the world has ever known. It's time we begin to focus on the real issues concerning government, which has failed the American people.

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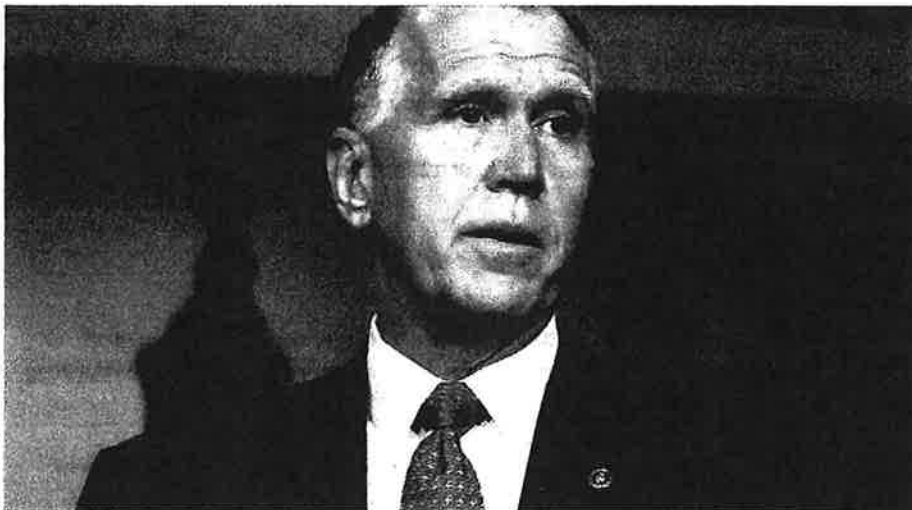
Tillis and NC Republicans paid \$345,000 to the data firm that's now banned from Facebook

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Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., speaks during a news conference about an immigration bill on Capitol Hill, Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 in Washington. **ALEX BRANDON AP**

WASHINGTON — North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis and the state's Republican Party paid \$345,000 to a data company that is now under scrutiny for its use of personal information about Facebook users.

Cambridge Analytica used the personal Facebook data of more than 50 million users, acquired through a third party, to create profiles of prospective voters and "microtarget" persuasive voting messages to them, according to a whistleblower who told his story to The Guardian and The New York Times.

Cambridge Analytica also worked for the Donald Trump campaign, earning more than \$5.9 million in 2016 according to Federal Election Commission filings, and for the "Brexit" campaign in the United Kingdom.

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Two years earlier, the data company helped Tillis, a Republican, defeat Democratic incumbent Kay Hagan by 1.7 points. It was at the time the most expensive U.S. Senate race in history with total spending of more than \$121 million.

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Cambridge Analytica put a page about Tillis' race on its website, touting its work and listing the race as a case study.

"Our telecanvassing program contacted 123,138 individuals, resulting in an increase in turnout of 12.57% among those called, which is equivalent to over 15,478 voters," Cambridge Analytica says.

Tillis won by 48,511 votes.

Cambridge Analytica's data told Tillis to highlight Hagan's absences on the Senate Armed Services Committee to reach a certain group of voters. Tillis hammered Hagan in ads and debates on her absences and the rise of ISIS and jumped on her acknowledgement that she skipped a national security meeting to attend a fundraiser.

"We were able to design and deploy messages tailored to these audiences according to their particular psychographic profiles. This was done through a telecanvassing program and a large scale direct mail campaign that demonstrably increased their likelihood of voting, and voting Republican," Cambridge Analytica said on its site.

Tillis' campaign committee paid the firm \$10,000 on Oct. 21, 2014, and \$20,000 on Nov. 6, 2014. It made four payments of \$25,000 throughout 2015 to Cambridge Analytica, according to FEC filings. The payments were for "microtargeting."

Tillis declined to answer questions about Cambridge Analytica on Capitol Hill on Monday evening. Tillis campaign consultant Paul Shumaker would not comment for this story.

"It gives you an edge in increasing the probability that voters would pay attention to your message," Shumaker said of Cambridge Analytica's work for the campaign in an interview with Bloomberg in 2015.

Steve Bannon, later a top aide to Trump, formerly served as the vice president of Cambridge Analytica and billionaire GOP donor Robert Mercer funded it, the Guardian reported.

Facebook banned Cambridge Analytica from its site Friday and said that a Cambridge University professor "passed data from an app" to Cambridge Analytica in violation of Facebook's policies. The information was legally obtained by the app from its users, Facebook said.

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The app paid users to take a personality test, [the Guardian reported](#), but also collected data on those users' Facebook friends.

The professor also works at St. Petersburg State University and received grants from Russia.

"In 2014 we received Facebook data and derivatives of Facebook data from another company, (app maker) GSR, that we engaged in good faith to legally supply data for research. After it subsequently became known that GSR had broken its contract with Cambridge Analytica because it had not adhered to data protection regulation, Cambridge Analytica deleted all the Facebook data and derivatives, in cooperation with Facebook," [Cambridge Analytica said in a statement](#).

Facebook is investigating Cambridge Analytica's claims that all the data was deleted, the social media giant said.

"This Facebook data was not used by Cambridge Analytica as part of the services it provided to the Donald Trump presidential campaign; personality targeted advertising was not carried out for this client either. The company has made this clear since 2016."

The North Carolina Republican Party paid Cambridge Analytica \$215,000 in 2014 and 2015, according to the Federal Elections Commission. The payments were "microtargeting consulting fees."

Dallas Woodhouse, the NC GOP's executive director, said the company was one of many hired to work on direct mail. Woodhouse said he could not find a contract the party signed with the company.

Cambridge Analytica did not do social media work for the party, said Woodhouse, who was hired as state executive director in September 2015.

Even though federal filings show a June 2015 payment to the company of more than \$57,000, Woodhouse said the company's work for the party ended with the 2014 election cycle.

"There are no plans to use them again," he said.

Rep. Patrick McHenry, a Republican from Denver in western North Carolina, paid Cambridge Analytica \$15,000 for "polling and research" work in 2014, according to FEC filings. A spokesman for McHenry's campaign couldn't be reached Monday.

Wayne Goodwin, the chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, said the reports about Cambridge Analytica make him "wonder whether North Carolina was used as a trial run in 2014."

Goodwin is also concerned about Russian ties to those involved in handling the data.

"Given we're talking about foreign intervention in our national and state elections, it would seem highly reasonable for anybody to avoid using Cambridge Analytica," he said. "There are too many unanswered questions, too much we don't know yet."

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