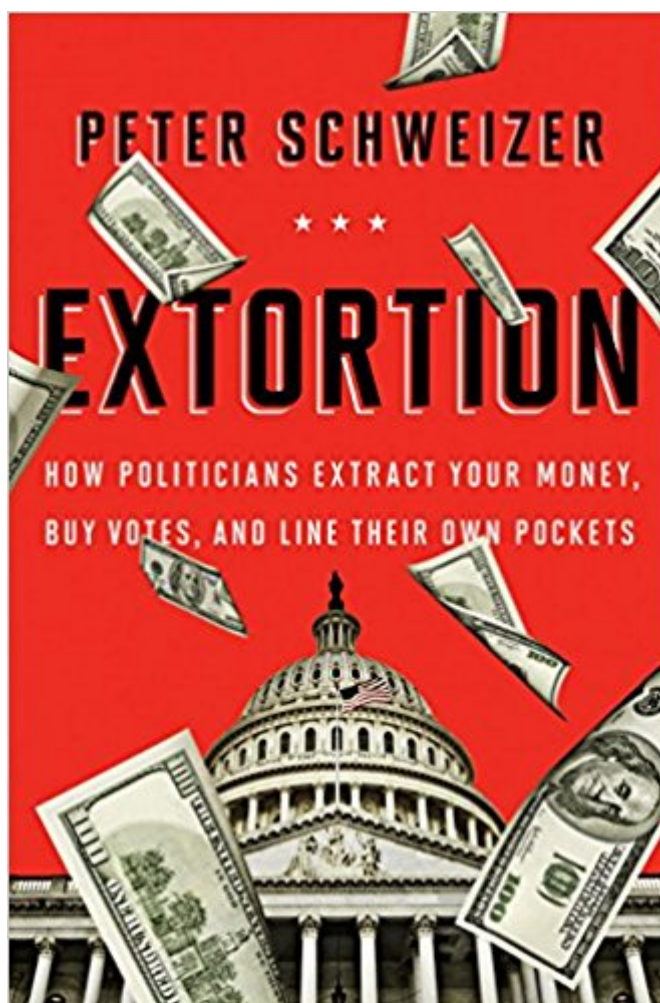


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Extortion: How Politicians Extract Your Money, Buy Votes, And Line Their Own Pockets



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A bombshell investigation reveals how Washington really works: politicians extort money from us, then use it to buy each other's votes. Best-selling author Peter Schweizer reveals:

- *Obama's "Protection Money": How the Obama Administration targeted industries for criminal investigation but chose not to pursue key political donors.
- *John Boehner's "Tollbooth": How the Speaker of the House extracts money by soliciting political donations before he will hold crucial votes on the House floor.
- *The "Slush Fund": How politicians extract "campaign contributions" and then convert them to bankroll lavish lifestyles complete with limos, private jets, golf at five-star resorts, fine wines, and cash for family members.
- *Capitol Hill's "Underground Economy": How congressmen use a little-known loophole that allows them to secretly link their votes to cash. Extortion finally makes clear why Congress is so dysfunctional: it's all about making money, not making law.

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Schweizer names guilty parties . . . He exposes powerful figures in politics, law firms, and corporations. Forbes Washington is no longer about lawmaking, it's about moneymaking

Conventional wisdom holds that Washington is broken because outside special interests bribe politicians. The reverse is true: politicians have developed a new set of brass-knuckle legislative tactics designed to extort wealthy industries and donors into forking over big donations cash that lawmakers often funnel into the pockets of their friends and family. Inside this best-selling bombshell of a book, Schweizer reveals the exorbitant secret fees each political party charges politicians for top committee assignments; how fourteen members of Congress bagged hundreds of thousands of dollars using a little-known self-loan loophole; how politicians use PACs to bankroll lavish lifestyles; and much more. Washington's extortion racket has gone unreported until now. [Author photo] (c) Becky Healy

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An easy, fast read which is supported by a comprehensive set of footnotes supporting all the painful facts. If you make the investment in this book, you will quickly learn the realities of our "raise campaign funds or lose" political system and how it has evolved into a "donate or get screwed" extortion system where the fundamental purpose of government is being lost in the seemingly unavoidable quest to capture power and money. This brilliant book finally explains the universal attacks on the tea party and Sarah Palin: The real reason they are portrayed by both parties as radicals is because they are a huge threat to the current old guard methods of milking of donors by deliberately drafting threatening legislation, only to kill it when the coffers are refilled by another round of \$30,000 a plate dinner guests. Nothing is sacred under the new system - intellectual property, high tech, the film industry, airlines, banking, telecommunications, energy, and, of course, health care. Every industry can be extorted for more political donations... at the expense of the American economy. Even more shocking is the revelation that neither you or I can bribe a politician - no surprise - however, it is perfectly legal for politicians to pass out the checks to other politicians right in the Capital building after a successful vote. Who pays? You do. If you ever had your suspicions about your local two faced Senator or House member, this book will confirm what was really going on by delivering hard, documented facts. Every American, regardless of party or political viewpoint, should read this book. Even if you are as critical of conspiracy theory allegations as I was, you will probably come to the same conclusion - it is time for some change in the way work in Washington gets done. Perhaps this is the one thing all Americans except for a minority DC elite can agree on.

Mr. Schweizer has given every local activist a blue print on how to expose their own corrupt Congressman. I am just such an activist/blogger and I fully intend on using the powerful insights of this book to piece together the evidence I need to prove once and for all that my Congressman, Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA3) is one of the biggest extortionist in the House of Representatives just under John Boehner. Judging from his own leadership PAC, Westmoreland's nearly sole function as a key player in the NRSC is this extortion game that is laid out bare in Schweizer's book. Every activist should use this as a How-To book and expose their corrupt Congressperson so we can finally clean house and Throw Them All Out!

I knew the situation, relative to our Politicians, Congress, U.S. & Foreign Corporations existed, (like in cahoots with each other), but I never really knew to what extent, and how so deeply infiltrated it is, not only there, but our whole Society. I knew when Ross Perrot was actively, campaigning, that he was "on to something", in recommending that we get rid of the Political Action Committees, and the Lobbyists working all sides of deals, but Ross had other intentions for his entering the race - which is a shame. I kinda' see Trump the same way, now. To me, it seems like he's in the race to actually, drive people "to Hillary", due to his disrectful and childlike behavior, while he's aggressively, going after an opponent. The point is, that I think he'll fizzle like Perrot, and then, there will never be anyone to "make America Great again", by ridding ourselves of so much underhanded Bullcrap, that goes on in the Congress today, and with major Corporations. This Book outlines the "who's" and "how they dunnit" when it comes to the campaign contributions, lobbyists, and many Senators, and law firms, and on and on - It's disgusting what we've become, as a so-called "Government by the People and for the People", as it doesn't exist. Peter Schweizer spells it out in 'Extortion!

Based upon his prior book "Throw Them All Out" and now this excellent expose of political corruption, Peter Schweizer deserves a Medal of Freedom. One would think he would worry about starting his car each morning for fear of an explosion. He does his usual thorough and well researched job of shining a light on the cockroaches in the kitchen feeding off the public. The imaginative ways in which politicians find different means to extract money from industries and lobbyists including setting them against each other and pressuring them to hire relatives and cronies always stays one step ahead of efforts to pass laws to thwart them. This is a must read for all citizens regardless of political persuasion because Schweizer's wrath does not shy away from either party since there is plenty of sleaziness to go around. The common wisdom has long been that it is

private industry and lobbyists who are the ones going after our elected officials to seduce them to the dark side. As Schweizer clearly shows, the role of predator is actually being filled by the side that can legally use force to compel compliance.

If you ever wanted to know HOW politicians steal taxpayer's money, this is THE book that explains it... in torrid detail! John Boehner, John Kerry, Pelosi... and many more. This book details who and how much and when to the penny of what they stole. This book explains why the Affordable Care Act was set up as a tax act: you can't steal from a social bill unless it's set up from the beginning as a tax bill. One warning: if you have high blood pressure make sure you are on your meds before you read this.

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