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## OPINION:

The federal workforce has become an integral part of the [Democratic Party](#) power structure, rivaling the liberal mainstream media, billionaire donors and the activist nonprofits they fund as its most important political ally.

This is why Democrats are proclaiming a guerrilla street revolution. They want to stop President [Trump](#) and point man [Elon Musk](#) from downsizing their army and from surgically removing liberal agenda offices, agencies and leaders — a force it took Democrats years to put into place.

Mr. [Musk](#) immediately targeted the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#) and its exporting of woke ideologies. Federal election records show that [USAID](#) personnel contributed \$240,000 to the [Kamala Harris](#) campaign in the 2024 election cycle and just \$999 to Mr. [Trump](#). Of [USAID's](#) top 20 funded candidates, just one was a Republican.

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President [Biden](#) used executive orders to open the southern border to drug cartel-smuggled migrants, to rewrite Title IX for men in women's sports and to repay students' delinquent loans without congressional approval.

Democrats cheered. They warn Mr. [Trump](#) not to downsize the U.S. government, as our national debt reaches \$36 trillion, or we'll impeach him again.

OpenSecrets.org, which tracks campaign donations, shows that government workers bankroll Democrats in large ratios. In politics, nothing indicates loyalty more than where people put their money.

Employees in the government's 15 Cabinet-level departments, such as Defense, State and Justice, contributed over \$9 million to candidate [Harris](#) compared with

\$1.6 million to Mr. [Trump](#). Looking at federal employees collectively would put them in the top 12 of Harris donors.

“One of the reasons the left gravitates to the bureaucracies is because they know it allows them to exercise unaccountable power,” Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, told me.

His group has uncovered government misconduct by aggressively pursuing Freedom of Information Act lawsuits.

Mr. Fitton added, “History shows effective conservative government reformers will be targeted, isolated, harassed, smeared and destroyed. And public employee unions necessarily have an interest in bigger government, which means they are allied with and support leftist and [Democratic Party](#) politicians.”

For example, when IRS whistleblowers came forward to testify about Mr. [Biden's](#) family corruption, agency higher-ups smashed them. Special Agents Joe Ziegler and Gary Shapley testified to the House Ways and Means Committee in 2023 that the Justice Department blocked their probe of Hunter [Biden](#) into income tax fraud.

In December, the Office of Special Counsel, an independent agency that protects against whistleblower reprisals, concluded that the two were the victims of illegal gag orders and workplace retaliations by top IRS officials.

IRS employees donated \$644,000 to Democrats and \$135,000 to Republicans in the 2024 election cycle.

Besides crushing whistleblowers, the federal bureaucracy gifted other tangible benefits to Democrats.

Justice Department lawyers and staff donated \$644,000 to Vice President [Kamala Harris](#) in the 2024 election cycle and \$58,000 to Mr. [Trump](#). In 2020, the Justice Department donated \$840,000 to Mr. [Biden](#) and \$131,000 to Mr. [Trump](#).

The Merrick Garland-led department operated a get-Trump industry. Mr. Garland made investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot his most important mission. His special counsel indicted Mr. [Trump](#) for allegedly spurring the riot and mishandling classified documents. On that matter, Justice authorized the FBI to raid Mr. [Trump's](#) Mar-a-Lago home and search former first lady Melania's clothes closets.

Justice conducted very little oversight of the FBI, its seventh-floor headquarters awash in woke ideology and Republican hatred. The FBI used a Democratic-funded smear sheet, or dossier, as the key piece of evidence in a failed attempt to bring down Mr. [Trump](#) as a supposed Russian agent.

Interestingly, the rank-and-file FBI donated more money to Republican candidates, \$12,000, than to Democrats, \$6,000, in 2024. However, U.S. attorneys' offices, which prosecute cases, gave just 10% of the \$94,000 contributions to Republicans.

Mr. Biden's Department of Homeland Security met Democrats' demands for more voters. It let the savage Mexican drug cartels collect billions of dollars by ushering in millions of unvetted migrants. The onslaught included gang members, burglars, murderers, traffickers and children destined for slave and sex markets.

Homeland Security employees gave \$593,000 to Ms. [Harris](#) and \$153,000 to Mr. [Trump](#). For all federal candidates, the Democratic advantage was \$810,000 versus \$261,287. Immigrant components, such as the Border Patrol, citizenship services and customs, gave overwhelmingly to Democrats. Customs staff contributed just \$700 to Republicans.

Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency served as the prime internal trafficker for illegal migrants, so much so that it forgot hurricane victims in North Carolina. One senior official warned staff not to help residents with [Trump](#) signs on their property.

FEMA staff contributed \$219,000 in 2024, including \$172,000 to Democrats and \$36,000 to Republicans.

Mr. [Musk](#) has helped us find out that [USAID](#) is a woke wonderland. It spends our money to finance the [Democratic Party](#) agenda globally, including the great left financier George Soros. Sometimes, our tax money ends up funding our enemies.

Weeks before the 2020 election, 51 Democratic-loyal former intelligence officials signed a letter essentially saying the incriminating Hunter [Biden](#) laptop was Russian disinformation. They needed the letter quickly cleared to publish and get Mr. [Biden](#) elected. The Central Intelligence Agency bureaucracy approved the letter — within hours, Mr. Fitton's Judicial Watch revealed. (The laptop, first reported by the New York Post, was genuine.)

The CIA is relatively small. Its agents, analysts and support state contributed \$3,385 to Ms. [Harris](#) and zero to Mr. [Trump](#).

The U.S. Government Accountability Office, Congress' auditor, says it has been instrumental in saving taxpayer money, but conservatives contend it gave the Biden administration a pass on irresponsible woke spending. In 2024, GAO employees gave \$45,000 to Ms. [Harris](#) and \$532 to Mr. [Trump](#).

Sen. Charles E. Grassley, an Iowa Republican, wrote a letter in 2022 to Mr. Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray, accusing their shops of boosting Democrats.

"I remain very concerned that political bias by a select group of Justice Department and FBI officials has infected the Justice Department's and FBI's usual process and procedure to open and pursue high-profile and politically charged investigations," Mr. Grassley wrote.

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