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The Ten Most Corrupt Politicians of 2009

Note: Judicial Watch, the public interest group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption, recently released its 2009 list of Washington's "Ten Most Wanted Corrupt Politicians." The list, in alphabetical order, includes:

- 1. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT):** Dodd also made the 2008 "Ten Most Corrupt" list for his corrupt relationship with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and for accepting preferential treatment and loan terms from Countrywide Financial. In 2009, Judicial Watch filed a Senate ethics complaint against Dodd for undervaluing on his Senate Financial Disclosure forms a property he owns in Ireland. Judicial Watch also alleges in the complaint that Dodd obtained a sweetheart deal for the property in exchange for his assistance in obtaining a presidential pardon (during the Clinton administration) and other favors for a long-time friend and business associate. Dodd remains the head the Senate Banking Committee.
- 2. Senator John Ensign (R-NV):** A number of scandals popped up in 2009 involving public officials who conducted illicit affairs, and then attempted to cover them up with hush payments and favors, an obvious abuse of power. The year's worst offender might just be Nevada Republican Senator John Ensign, who admitted in June to an extramarital affair with the wife of one of his staff members. The staffer allegedly obtained special favors from the Nevada Republican in exchange for his silence.
- 3. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA):** Judicial Watch is investigating a \$12 million TARP cash injection provided to the Boston-based One United Bank at the urging of Massachusetts Rep, Barney Frank. Moreover, Judicial Watch uncovered documents in 2009 that showed that members of Congress for years were aware that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were playing fast and loose with accounting issues, risk assessment issues and executive compensation issues, while liberals led by Rep. Frank continued to block attempts to rein in the two Government Sponsored Enterprises. Frank received \$42,350 in campaign contributions from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac between 1989 and 2008. Frank also engaged in a relationship with a Fannie Mae Executive while serving on the House Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 4. Secretary of Treasury Timothy Geithner:** In 2009, Timothy Geithner admitted that he failed to pay \$34,000 in Social Security and Medicare taxes from 2001-2004 on his lucrative salary at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). It wasn't until President Obama tapped Geithner to head the Treasury Department that he paid back most of the money (although penalties were forgiven by the IRS). In March 2009, Geithner came under fire for his handling of the AIG bonus scandal, where the company used \$165 million of its bailout funds to pay out executive bonuses. As head of the New York Federal Reserve, Geithner helped craft the AIG deal in September 2008. However, when the AIG scandal broke, Geithner claimed he knew nothing of the bonuses until March 10, 2009. Another disclosure in 2009 showed Geithner employed "household help: ineligible to work in the United States.
- 5. Attorney General Eric Holder:** Judicial Watch strongly opposed Holder's appointment because of his terrible ethics record, obstructing an FBI investigation of the theft of nuclear secrets from Los Alamos Nuclear

Laboratory; rejecting multiple requests for an independent counsel to investigate alleged fundraising abuses by Al Gore in the Clinton White House; undermining the criminal investigation; and planning the violent raid to seize six-year-old Elian Gonzalez at gunpoint in order to return him to Castro's Cuba. Holder bypassed Justice Department procedures to push through Bill Clinton's scandalous presidential pardons and commutations, including pardons for 16 members of the Puerto Rican terrorist group, FALN. The organization orchestrated approximately 120 bombings in the U.S., killing at least six people and maiming dozens of others, including law enforcement officers. Holder has refused to investigate charges that the Obama political machine traded VIP access to the White House in exchange for campaign contributions. The Holder Justice Department also came under fire for dropping a voter intimidation case against the New Black Panther Party. Holder has failed to initiate a comprehensive Justice investigation of the notorious organization ACORN, which is closely tied to President Obama. There were allegedly more than 400,000 fraudulent ACORN voter registrations in the 2008 campaign. Holder's former law firm continues to provide pro bono representation to terrorists at Guantanamo Bay.

6. **Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., and Senator Roland Burris:** One of the most serious scandals of 2009 involved a scheme by former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich to sell President Obama's then-vacant Senate seat to the highest bidder. Two men caught smack dab in the middle of the scandal: Senator Roland Burris (D-IL). According to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, emissaries for Jesse Jackson Jr., reportedly offered \$1.5 million to Blagojevich during a fundraiser if he names Jackson Jr. to Obama's seat. Three days later, federal authorities arrested Blagojevich. Burris, for his part, apparently lied about his contacts with Blagojevich. Burris changed his story five times – *three times under oath* – regarding his contacts with Blagojevich prior to the Illinois governor appointing him to the U.S. Senate.
7. **President Barack Obama:** During his presidential campaign, President Obama promised to run an ethical and transparent administration. However, in his first year in office, the President has delivered corruption and secrecy, bringing Chicago-style political corruption to the White House. The Obama White House believes it can violate the privacy rights of American citizens without any legal consequences or accountability; however, his administration is addicted to secrecy, stonewalling Freedom of Information Act requests and refusing to make public White House visitor logs as federal law requires. President Obama has installed a record number of “czars” in positions of power, many of whom are not subject to Senate confirmation (which raises serious constitutional questions). Under the President's bailout schemes, the federal government continues to appropriate or control – through fiat and threats – large sectors of the private economy. Government-run healthcare and car companies, White House coercion, uninvestigated ACORN corruption, debasing his office to help Chicago cronies, attacks on conservative media and the private sector, unprecedented and dangerous new rights for terrorists, perks for campaign donors – this is Obama's “ethics” record after one year in the White House.
8. **Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA):** Judicial Watch obtained documents from the Pentagon in 2009 that suggest Pelosi has been treating the Air Force like her own personal airline. These documents, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, include internal Pentagon email correspondence detailing attempts by Pentagon staff to accommodate Pelosi's numerous requests for military escorts and military aircraft. House Speaker Pelosi also came under fire in April 2009, when she claimed she was never briefed about the CIA's use of the water-boarding technique during terrorism investigations. The CIA produced a report documenting a briefing with Pelosi on September 4, 2002, that suggests otherwise. Judicial Watch also obtained documents, including a CIA Inspector General report, which further confirmed that Congress was fully briefed on the enhanced interrogation techniques.
9. **Rep. John Murtha (D-PA) (now deceased):** Prior to his death, the former Pennsylvania congressman had been under federal investigation for his corrupt relationship with the now-defunct defense lobbyist PMA Group. PMA, founded by a former Murtha associate, has been the congressman's largest campaign contributor. Since 2002, Murtha has raised \$1.7 million from PMA and its clients. In return for Murtha's generosity, contributors were beneficiaries of ten of millions of dollars in earmarks. Following an FBI raid of PMA clients, while hitting them up for campaign contributions. *The Washington Post* also reported in 2009 that Murtha's nephew received \$4 million in Defense Department no-bid contracts.
10. **Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY):** Rangel, the man in charge of writing tax policy for the entire country, has yet to adequately explain how he could possibly “forget” to pay taxes on \$75,000 in rental income he earned from his

off-shore rental property. He also faces allegations that he improperly used his influence to maintain ownership of highly coveted rent-controlled apartments in Harlem, and misused his congressional office to fundraise for his private Rangel Center by preserving a tax loophole for an oil drilling company in exchange for funding. Under fire, Rangel amended his financial disclosure reports to disclose \$1 million in “forgotten” assets. Since ethics probes began last year the 79-year-old congressman has given campaign donations to 119 members of Congress, including three of the five Democrats on the House Ethics Committee who are charged with investigating him.