The Money Behind the Transgender Agenda

Portions Reprinted with Permission Federalist Article by Jennifer Bilak: "Who is Funding the Transgender Movement

ccording to a Federalist article, by Jennifer Bilak, "Who Is Funding the Transgender Movement?" She discovered, "...exceedingly rich, white men with enormous cultural influence are funding the transgender lobby and various transgender organizations. These include but are not limited to Jennifer Pritzker (a male who identifies as transgender); George Soros; Martine Rothblatt (a male who identifies as transgender and transhumanist); Tim Gill (a gay man); Drummond Pike; Warren and Peter Buffett; Jon Stryker (a gay man); Mark Bonham (a gay man); and Ric Weiland (a deceased gay man whose philanthropy is still LGBT-oriented). Most of these billionaires fund the transgender lobby and organizations through their own organizations, including corporations."

The article states that"...all the wealthiest donors have been funding LGB institutions before they became LGBT-oriented, and only in some instances are monies earmarked specifically for transgender issues. Some of these billionaires fund the LGBT movement through their myriad companies, multiplying their contributions many times over in ways that are also difficult to track."

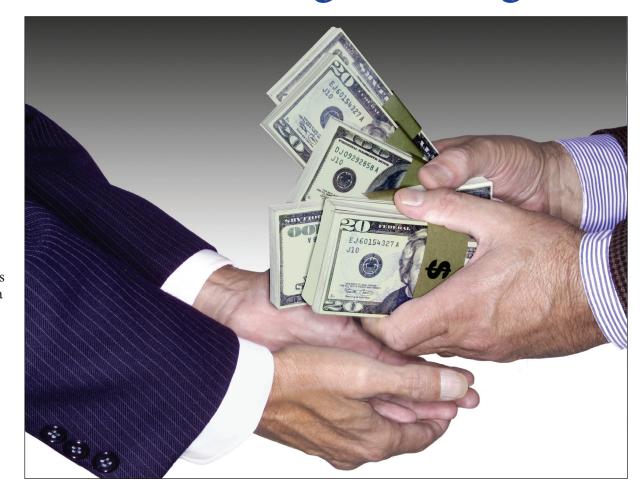
These funders often go through anonymous funding organizations such as the Tides Foundation, founded and operated by Pike. Influence Watch, a Capital Research Center Project, has this bio on Pike:

"Drummond McGavin Pike is an American businessman, philanthropist, and a career progressive activist and fundraiser. He is notable for founding a number of organizations that promote and fund progressive causes, the most notable of which was the Tides Foundation in 1976, an organization he led as CEO for 35 years, retiring in March 2011. Tides pioneered the use of donor-advised funds to advocate progressive policy change through philanthropy and later spawned the Tides Center, which serves as an incubator for new or small left-wing advocacy groups.

Drummond Pike has spent most of his professional life as a progressive activist, starting with the Youth Project in Washington, D.C., in 1970, at which he served as associate director.

The Youth Project was a project of the Center for Community Change created by activists Dick Boone and Lenny Conway and a network of center-left organizations with the aim of channeling donations from young people with inherited wealth into left-wing activism. This strategy is considered the precursor to Pike's development of the donor-advised fund.

He was also a close ally of Wade Rathke, the founder of the now-defunct Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) labor-union aligned community organizing network, whom Pike brought on to sit on the founding Tides Foundation board of directors. Rathke was ousted from the Tides Foundation board by chairman John Powell following the 2008 revelation that his brother, Dale Rathke, had embezzled funds from ACORN.



In 2018, Pike wrote in the Chronicle of Philanthropy that he and some Tides colleagues "should share some of the blame" for the rapid growth in so-called commercial Donor Advised Fund (DAF) providers, which are held by 501(c)(3) public charities associated with for-profit investment firms such as Charles Schwab and Fidelity Investments. He goes on to say, "We borrowed a sleepy device [DAFs] deployed by community foundations to attract donors," normalizing that model with the IRS and laying the groundwork for other DAF-based organizations. Pike adds, "DAFs should be treated with rules mirroring those applied to private foundations: donor disclosure, the same limits on deductions for gifts of stock, and minimum annual payouts calculated on a fund-by-fund basis."

Large corporations, philanthropists, and organizations can send enormous sums of money to the Tides Foundation, specifying how they want their donation to be used, and have the funds get to their destination anonymously. The Tides Foundation creates a legal firewall and tax shelter for foundations and funds political campaigns, often using legally dubious tactics.

These men and others, including pharmaceutical companies and the U.S. government, are sending millions of dollars to LGBT causes. From 1996-2003, overall reported global spending on LGBT was estimated at \$424 million. From 2003-2013, reported funding for transgender issues increased more than eightfold, growing at threefold the increase of LGBTQ funding overall, which quadrupled from 2003 to 2012 and by 2023 the LQBT spending was \$4.1 billion just from the federal government alone. This huge spike in funding happened at the same time transgenderism began gaining traction in American culture.

\$424 million was a lot of money back in 2013, but \$4.1 billion being spent by the US government in 2023 is insane. It is more than enough to change laws, uproot language and force new speech on the public, to censor, and to create an atmosphere of threat for those who do not comply with gender identity ideology-like the Kolstads.

A political insider who wishes to remain anonymous stated that, "Really wealthy people from Montana, and outside of Montana, are willing to spend a lot of money in our state to get policy made the way they want it. Montana has a small population so it is cheaper to get elected and get things done than in a more populous state like California. These people use their money, power and influence to get what they want, even if that means knocking out solid conservative candidates like Matt Rosendale who don't toe the line."

Precedence in court does not bode well for parents in this fight-especially Christian parents like the Kolstads from Glasgow, MT who are standing up for their religious beliefs. This is especially bad in light of what has been recently exposed about how Big Pharma, the medical profession and the judicial and executive branches have colluded against the people to hide, lie and distort the truth about everything from what is medically safe and necessary to who is lying or telling the truth about physical and psychological medical issues facing our population. It is also apparent when a government body seeks to seal documents, overly redact them or seeks a gag order so members of the public aren't even allowed to tell the public what is happening.

Whether it is the safety or efficacy of COVID jabs and redefining the definition of vaccines; to lies about FBI sources being present on January 6th; to clerks and recorders destroying election material that is supposed to be retained; it seems everywhere the government is using laws to keep the public from knowing what their real motives and methods of operandi are. When government does not hold up to their end of the bargain in being transparent and honest, this leads to the public, and especially parents, making desperate moves,

Bilak adds, "Doctors are being trained in cadaver symposiums across the world in all manner of surgeries related to transgender individuals, including phalloplasty, vaginoplasty, facial feminization surgery, urethral procedures, and more. More and more American corporations are covering transgender surgeries, drugs, and other expenses. Endocrinologists seeking the fountain of youth in hormones for more than a generation, and the subsequent earnings for marketing those hormones, are still on a quest for gold.

Puberty blockers are another growing market. The plastic surgery arm of medicine is staged for an infusion of cash as well as organ transplants, especially womb transplants for men identifying as women who may want future pregnancies. These surgeries are already being practiced on animals and the first successful womb implant from a deceased female donor to another female has already been a success. Biogenetics is poised to be the investment of the future, says Rothblatt, who has headed a massive pharmaceutical corporation and is now heavily invested in biogenetics and transplants.

Transgenderism has certainly made its way into the American marketplace, so it seems important to consider the implications of this as we pass laws regarding transgender



individuals' and our civil liberties."

Transgenderism sits square in the middle of the medical industrial complex, which is by some estimates even bigger than the military industrial complex.

Who Works to Institutionalize Transgender Ideology?

Bilak asserts, "Much more important than funds going directly to the LGBT lobby and organizations, only a fraction of which trickles down to assist people who identify as transgender, is the money invested by the men mentioned above, governments, and technology and pharmaceutical corporations to institutionalize and normalize transgenderism as a lifestyle choice. They are shaping the narrative about transgenderism and normalizing it within the culture using their funding methods." She adds, "This can hardly be a coincidence when the very thing absolutely essential to those transitioning are pharmaceuticals and technology.?

Her article uses the Pritzker family as a case study. She claims those funding trans organizations and normalizing transgenderism are channeling funds in the same ways and invested in the same medical infrastructure. "This can hardly be a coincidence when the very thing absolutely essential to those transitioning are pharmaceuticals and technology. It is also important to note that though the trans lobby has sewn itself to the LGB umbrella, LGB people as such are not lifelong medical patients," she writes.

The Pritzkers are an American family of philanthropic billionaires worth approximately \$29 billion, whose fortune came through Hyatt Hotels and nursing homes. Per Bilak's article, they now have massive investments in the medical industrial complex.

To give you some indication of the Pritzker family's reach and influence, especially as regards the transgender project and their relationship to the medical industrial complex, we need to look into key Prtizker family members such as Jennifer Pritzker. It is important to also remember transitioning individuals are medical patients for life and as Bilak puts it, "The Pritzker family are not an anomaly in their funding trajectory or investments in the medical-industrial complex."

Jennifer Pritzker

Bilak gives us the history of Jennifer Pritzker as once a family man and a decorated member of the armed forces, who now identifies as transgender. Bilak tells us how "He has made transgenderism a high note in philanthropic funding through his Tawani Foundation. He is one of the largest contributors to transgender causes and, with his family, an enormous influence in the rapid institutionalization of transgenderism."

Bilak stresses the important of knowing where the Pritzker invest their enormous fortune. Bilak tells us, "Some of the organizations Jennifer owns and funds are especially noteworthy to examining the rapid induction of transgender ideology into medical, legal and educational institutions. Pritzker owns Squadron Capital, an acquisitions corporation, with a focus on medical technology, medical devices, and orthopedic implants, and the Tawani Foundation, a philanthropic organization with a grants focus on Gender & Human Sexuality."

A direct reprint from Bilak's article states:

Pritzker sits on the leadership council of the Program of Human Sexuality at the University of Minnesota, to which he also committed \$6.5 million over the past decade. Among many other organizations and institutions Pritzker funds are Lurie Children's Hospital, a medical center for gender non-conforming children, serving 400 children in Chicago; the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago; a chair of transgender studies at the University of Victoria (the first of its kind); and the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies at the University of Toronto. He also funds the American Civil Liberties Union and his family funds Planned Parenthood, two significant organizations for institutionalizing female-erasing language and support for transgender causes. Planned Parenthood also recently decided to get into the transgender medical market.



Jennifer Pritzker funds strategically, as does his family, by giving to universities that become beholden to his ideology, whose students go on to spread gender ideology by writing pro-trans articles in medical journals and elsewhere. Jennifer's uncle and aunt, John and Lisa Pritzker, gave \$25 million to the University of California at San Francisco for a center of children's psychiatry. Jennifer likewise funds hospitals and medical schools where the alumni go on to create transgender specialties and LGBT medical centers, even though lesbians, gays, and bisexuals don't need specialized medical services.

Here are just several current activities of Pritzker-funded medical school alumni and recipients of Pritzker money.

- James Hekman founded the LGBT medical care center in Lakewood Ohio.
- David T. Rubin sits on the advisory board of Accordant/ CVS Caremark, the largest pharmaceutical chain in the United States. CVS acquired Target department stores' pharmacies in 2015. Target, of course, is the site of a major social controversy about unisex bathrooms and is a corporate funder of the trans-pushing Human Rights Campaign activist group.
- Loren Schecter is the author of the first surgical atlas for transgender surgery, author of pro-trans journals, was awarded for legal advocacy of transgenders, performs reconstructive surgeries, and is director of transfeminine conferences sponsored by World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH). He also performs reconstructive surgeries at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago.
- Schecter is also the "surgeons only sessions chair" on the Scientific Program Committee of the newly formed United States arm of WPATH (World Professional Association of Transgender Health), USPATH, holding conferences in Los Angeles for surgeons in transgender surgeries.
- Robert Garofalo, a gay man, is director of the St. Lurie children's gender clinic, head of the hospital's division of adolescent medicine, and a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University, which J.B. Pritzker (whom we will meet later) funds.
- Benjamin N. Breyer is chief of urology at San Francisco General Hospital and a professor at the University of California at San Francisco, specializing in transgender surgery.
- Nicholas Matte teaches at the Mark Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies at the University of Toronto, with a specialty in queer studies. Jennifer Pritzker also funds the Bonham Centre. Matte lectures around the country on transgender issues, and espouses the idea that we are not a sexually dimorphic species.
- Mark Hyman is the Pritzker
 Foundation Chair in functional medicine at the Cleveland Clinic and director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Functional Medicine.

- Cleveland Clinic conducted the United States' first uterus transplant.
- Baylor College of Medicine is on the receiving end of the Pritzker School of Medicine's "pipeline programs" for people studying to be doctors. Baylor is where the nation's first child was born from a uterus transplant as part of an experimental program funding the procedure for 10 women in order to develop uterus transplants ultimately health insurance and taxpayers will pay for rather than being relegated to elective infertility treatment.

Jennifer Pritzker has also helped normalize transgender individuals in the military with a \$1.35 million grant to the Palm Center, a University of California, Santa Barbarabased LGBT think tank, to create research validating military transgenderism. He has also donated \$25 million to Norwich University in Vermont, a military academy and the first school to launch a Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Pritzker's funding is not confined to the United States, but reaches other countries via the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), in conferences for physicians studying transgender surgery and funding of international universities.

Bilak's article moves on to Jennifer's cousin Penny. In the article Bilak has this to say about Penny Pritzker:

Cousin to Jennifer Pritzker, Penny Pritzker served on President Obama's Council for Jobs and Competitiveness and Economic Recovery Advisory Board. She was national co-chair of Obama for America 2012 and national finance chair of Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. To say she was influential in getting president Obama elected would be an understatement.

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As Obama's secretary of commerce, Penny Pritzker helped create the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL), by facilitating an award of \$70 million from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the first funding of its kind. Obama made transgenderism a pet issue of his administration, holding a meeting at the White House (the first ever) for transgenderism.

The administration quietly applied the power of the executive branch to make it easier for transgender people to alter their passports, get cross-sex treatment at Veteran's Administration facilities, and access public school restrooms and sports programs based on gender identity. These are just a few of the transgender-specific policy shifts of Obama's presidency.

Soros and Gill are two other major transgender movement funders who generated millions of dollars to get Obama elected, and Stryker was one of the top five contributors to Obama's campaign. Under Obama and President George W. Bush, the federal government also funded the Tides Foundation \$82.7 million, which in turn donated \$47.2 million to LGBTQ issues over the last two decades.

Penny has funded the Harvard School of Public Health and, with her husband through their mutual foundation, The Pritzker



Traubert Family Foundation, are funding early childhood initiatives as well as providing scholarships to Harvard University medical students. The Boston Children's Hospital Gender Management Services wing physicians are all affiliated with Harvard Medical School. Penny Pritzker also sat on the board at Harvard, where student life offices teach students, many of whom go on to lead U.S. institutions, that "there are more than two sexes."

Bilak does not leave out J.B. Pritzker, Jennifer's brother, who was elected in 2018 as Governor of Illinois.

Bilak writes:

Penny Pritzker's brother, J.B. Pritzker, is an American venture capitalist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and business owner. He is co-founder of the Pritzker Group, a private investment firm that invests in digital technology and medical companies, including Clinical Innovations, which has a global presence. Clinical Innovations is one of the largest medical device companies and in 2017 acquired Brenner Medical, another significant medical group offering innovative products in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology.

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J.B. provided seed funding for Matter, a startup incubator for medical technology based in Chicago. He also sits on the board of directors at his alma mater, Duke University, where they are making advances in cryopreserving women's ovaries.

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There doesn't seem to be a sphere of influence that is untouched by Pritzker money, from early childhood education and universities to law, medical institutions, the LGBT lobby and organizations, politics, and the military.

If they were the only ones funding the institutionalization of transgender ideology they would still be fantastically influential, but they are joined by other exceedingly wealthy, influential white men, who also have ties to the pharmaceutical and medical industries.

Pharma and Tech Giants All-In for Transgender

Along with support by pharmaceutical giants such as Janssen Therapeutics,



the health foundation of a Johnson and Johnson founder, Viiv, Pfizer, Abbott Laboratories, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, major technology corporations including Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Intel, Dell, and IBM are also funding the transgender project. In February 2017, Apple, Microsoft, Google, IBM, Yelp, PayPal, and 53 other mostly tech corporations signed onto an amicus brief pushing the U.S. Supreme Court to prohibit schools from keeping private facilities for students designated according to sex.

As these corporations were pushing for transgender bathrooms, they were fighting President Trump's travel ban and immigration policies. In reporting the incidents simultaneously, CNN News made the obvious connection between the corporations' interest in the immigration ban and commerce, quoting a legal brief signed by the companies that said, "It is inflicting significant harm on American business, innovation and growth." It made no such equivalent connection for the corporations' interest in transgender rights. The obvious question would be: Why do they care? The obvious answer is: money.

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Melding this manufactured medical issue with civil rights frame entails the continuance and growth of the problem. Transgenderism is framed as both a medical problem, for the gender dysphoria of children who need puberty blockers and are being groomed for a lifetime of medicalization, and as a brave and original lifestyle choice for adults. Martine

Rothblatt suggests we are all transhuman, that changing our bodies by removing healthy tissue and organs and ingesting cross-sex hormones over the course of a lifetime can be likened to wearing make-up, dying our hair, or getting a tattoo. If we are all transhuman, expressing that could be a never-ending saga of body-related consumerism.

The massive medical and technological infrastructure expansion for a tiny (but growing) fraction of the population with gender dysphoria, along with the money being funneled to this project by those heavily invested in the medical and technology industries, seems to make sense only in the context of expanding markets for changing the human body. Trans activists are already clamoring for a change from "gender dysphoria" to "gender incongruence" in the next revision to the international register of mental diagnosis codes, the ICD-11. The push is on for insurance-paid hormones and surgeries for anyone who believes his or her body is in any way "incongruent" with his or her "gender identity."

Bodily diversity appears to be the core issue, not gender dysphoria; that and unmooring people from their biology via language distortions, to normalize altering human biology. Institutionalizing transgender ideology does just this. This ideology is being promoted as a civil rights issue by wealthy, white, men with enormous influence who stand to personally benefit from their political activities.

It behooves us all to look at what the real investment is in prioritizing a lifetime of antibody medical treatments for a miniscule part of the population, building an infrastructure for them, and institutionalizing the way we perceive ourselves as human beings, before being human becomes a quaint concept of the past.