

NEW DOCUMENTS: DONORSTRUST POURS OVER \$16 MILLION INTO GROUPS WANTING TO ELIMINATE OR PRIVATIZE PUBLIC LAND

SUMMARY: DonorsTrust has long been a pass-through between anonymous wealthy donors and right-wing causes. Newly-obtained copies of the group's 2021 tax filings shed light on how that money was spent in the most recent tax year.

An Accountable.US analysis shows that over **\$16 million** went to extremist groups that want to eliminate or even privatize America's federal public lands.

New IRS Filings How The Right-Wing Dark Money Mega-Foundation Has Gave Over \$16 Million Pushing To Eliminate Or Privatize America's Public Lands

DonorsTrust Bankrolls The Land Transfer Movement

Grand Total Given In The Last Year: \$16,441,805

DonorsTrust And Its Sister Organization Donors Capital Fund Have Been Dubbed The "Dark-Money ATM of The Right" And Have Acted As Middlemen Between Anonymous Wealthy Donors and Right-Wing Causes Since The Late 1990s.

DonorsTrust and its affiliate organization, Donors Capital Fund, are two of the most influential conservative donor-advised funds in contemporary American politics. In 2013, Mother Jones dubbed DonorsTrust the "[dark-money ATM of the right](#)." Donors Capital Fund functions like DonorsTrust but is [intended for individuals who plan to contribute large sums of money](#) to right-wing causes. [An initial gift of at least \\$1 million is required](#) in order to open a donor-advised fund with Donors Capital Fund, whereas DonorsTrust [accepts first-time contributions of \\$10,000 or more](#).

The DonorsTrust Money Was Spread Across 19 Different Groups From Around The United States

Donors Trust Gave \$16,441,805 to Eleven Groups Wanting To Eliminate Or Privatize Federal Public Land. An analysis of DonorsTrust's newly-revealed IRS form 990 shows that it gave money to ALEC, Americans for Prosperity Foundation, CATO Institute, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Federalist Society, Heartland Institute, Libertas Institute, PERC, State Policy Network, Sutherland Institute, and the Wyoming Liberty Group." [2021 DonorsTrust IRS Form 990]

Grantee	Amount	Grantee's Position On Public Lands
ALEC	\$191,600	Supports eliminating federal public lands
Americans for Prosperity Foundation	\$76,100	Funds groups pushing to eliminate federal public lands
CATO Institute	\$411,000	Has promoted privatizing federal public land
Competitive Enterprise Institute	\$815,000	Supports privatizing federal public land
Federalist Society	\$3,688,880	Has hosted proponents of eliminating federal public land
Heartland Institute	\$934,500	Has promoted eliminating federal public lands
Libertas Institute	\$74,000	Wants to eliminate federal public lands
PERC	\$50,450	PERC staff wrote a paper arguing to "privatize federal lands"
State Policy Network	\$9,034,775	A dark money network that funds libertarian think tanks behind the Bundy land-grab movement
Sutherland Institute	\$5,500	Supports eliminating federal public land in Utah
Wyoming Liberty Group	\$1,160,000	Agreed to a policy statement calling for the elimination of federal land
TOTAL:	\$16,441,805	