

A REPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI

MISSOURI'S SWAMP

THE DARK MONEY PAYOFF FOR NOT INVESTIGATING

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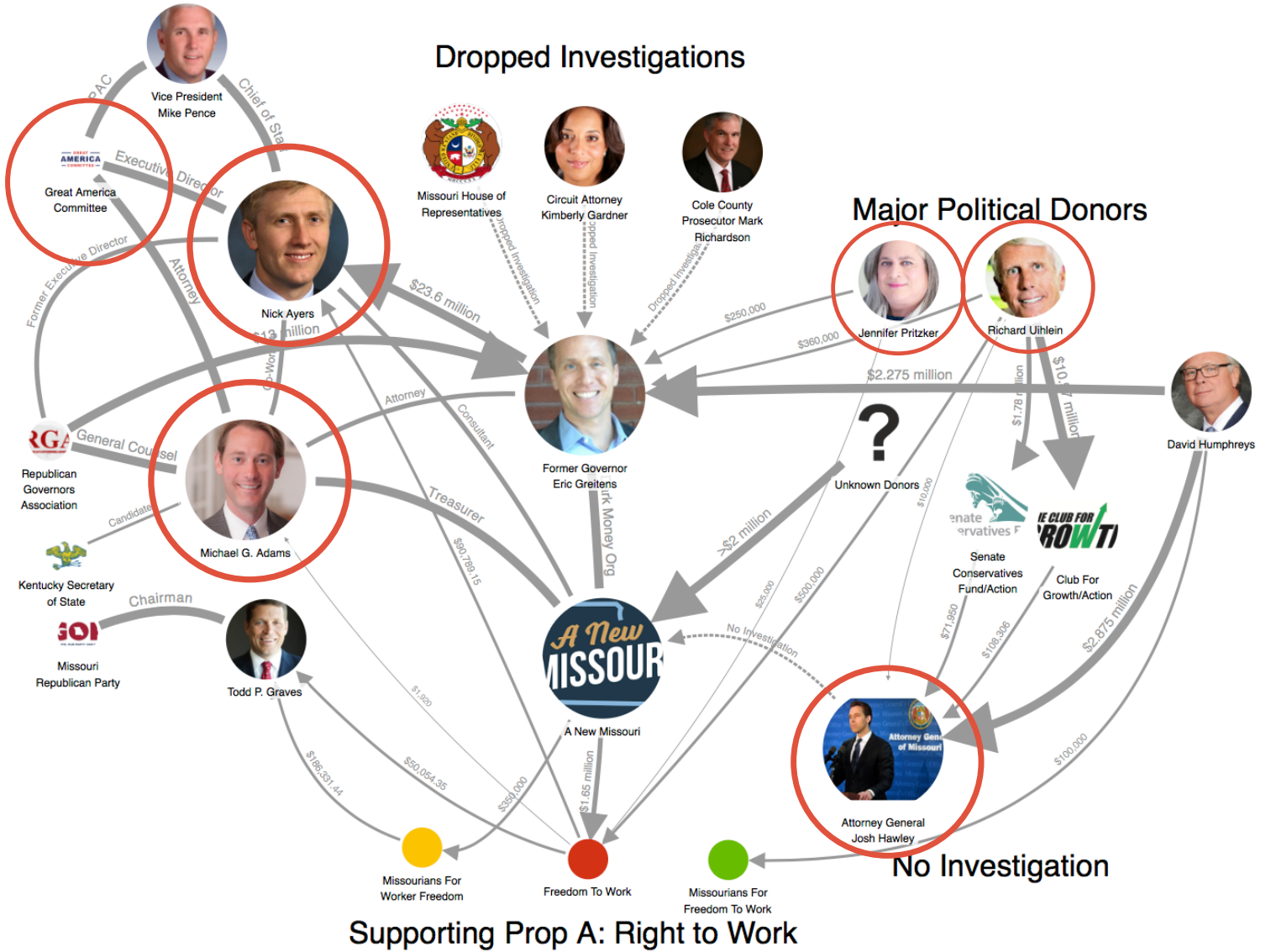
DARK MONEY PAYOFF

Missouri's Attorney General is taking money from the people he should be investigating.

Josh Hawley is running for Senate as a sitting Attorney General. His latest campaign filing with the Federal Election Commission shows that he is taking thousands of dollars from the Great America Committee. This committee is run by Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff Nick Ayers and an attorney named Michael Adams.

Together, Ayers and Adams set up a massive dark money scheme in Missouri designed to hide political donors, buy Missouri government, and make millions of dollars for companies associated with these two men.

DARK MONEY WEB



Ayers and Adams organized the dark money effort involving former Governor Eric Greitens, A New Missouri, Inc., and several Right-to-Work committees, which Attorney General Hawley did not investigate. The Great America Committee - a PAC run by Ayers and Adams - contributed thousands of dollars to Hawley's senate run.

Josh Hawley has received:

- \$10,000 from Ayers' and Adams' Great America Committee
- \$2,700 - the maximum individual contribution - from Jennifer Pritzker, an out-of-state billionaire supporting dark money efforts in Missouri
- Over \$380,000 from two organizations supported by Richard Uihlein, another out-of-state billionaire supporting Missouri dark money efforts

DARK MONEY

DEREGULATED

Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley is not the only official deregulating dark money.

On July 18, 2018, the IRS released new rules allowing special political nonprofits to avoid filing a "Schedule B," which consists of a list of donors contributing \$5,000 or more.

The White House claimed the information about donors is unnecessary. However, this same requirement was not removed for service nonprofit organizations.

The requirement was eliminated shortly after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin received a letter sent by several dark money organizations asking for the change.

MISSOURI COMPROMISED

Missouri has been compromised by dark money.

Millions of dollars have flowed into Missouri to influence statewide labor policy. Millions more have gone to support the elected officials in the best position to regulate dark money. Attorney General Hawley's largest political donors are connected to the dark money laundering scheme he is not policing. And now the Attorney General is taking money directly from the people he is supposed to investigate.

Powerful people are trying to buy Missouri's government and pay off our officials so they look the other way.

If our Attorney General won't protect our democracy and the integrity of our state government, the people of Missouri will.



**THE USE OF DARK MONEY HAS
COMPROMISED MISSOURI. IT'S UP TO
MISSOURIANS TO FIX IT.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Dark money avoids transparency, and it is most effective when no one pays attention. You can help just by getting involved and making your voice heard. There is nothing more powerful than a united, determined people.

You can demand change from our elected officials.

Find your elected representatives at:

http://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/default.aspx/leg_lookup.aspx

Ask Attorney General Josh Hawley to investigate A New Missouri, Inc. at 573-751-3321.

And if you want to get involved in reforming Missouri government, sign up at www.NoMODarkMoney.org.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report was written by Elad Gross, a constitutional attorney and former Assistant Attorney General of Missouri. He began investigating dark money in Missouri in 2017.

Several volunteers helped design and edit the final report. These volunteers, from different backgrounds and with different perspectives, gave many hours to help Missourians see the impact dark money is having on their state. No one was paid for any of the time they spent on this report.

Their work stands as a testament to what Missourians can do when they work together.

We hope that our work inspires others to get even more involved in making Missouri better.