

### Scott Perry (PA-10) Research Report

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## Scott Perry

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Republican Incumbent in  
Pennsylvania's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

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## Personal & Business History

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2003, Perry pled guilty to doctoring environmental reports for his company.*
- ✓ *Perry's company was subject to two state tax liens and one federal lien.*

## Biography

Scott Perry is a Member of Congress representing Pennsylvania's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (newly re-drawn as the 10<sup>th</sup> District beginning in 2018) and has served in that position since 2013.

- ✓ Born May 1962 in San Diego, California
- ✓ Education: Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, B.S. (1991)
- ✓ Served in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1980 to present
- ✓ Started a mechanical contracting business in 1993
- ✓ Worked for Pennsylvania State Rep. Keith Gillespie's 2002 campaign
- ✓ Was president of the Pennsylvania Young Republicans
- ✓ Served on the York County Republican Party's executive committee in 2006
- ✓ Served on the chairman of the Carroll Township Planning Commission and a member of the township Source Water Protection Committee in 2006
- ✓ Served in the Pennsylvania State House from 2007 to 2012
- ✓ Spent the second half of his first term in the Pennsylvania House deployed in Iraq

## Business Records

### **Perry Faced Felony Charges of Conspiring To Falsify State-Mandated Sewage Records And Took A Plea Deal To Avoid Conviction**

**Post-Gazette: In 2002, Perry Faced Felony Charges Of Conspiracy To Falsify State-Mandated Sewage Records For His Business, Hydrotech Mechanical Services, Inc.** "Rep. Scott Perry, R-York, faced felony charges in 2002 of conspiring to falsify state-mandated sewage records related to a business he co-owns, Hydrotech Mechanical Services Inc. He avoided a conviction and completed the state's Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program that is designed for first-time, nonviolent defendants. Mr. Perry, who maintains his innocence, called it a 'last-minute, at-the-courtroom deal that was never supposed to happen, but it did.'" [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [11/14/10](#)]

**The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Brought The Case Against Perry After His Company Worked For A Company That Illegally Dumped Sewage Near Stony Run Creek In Monaghan Township.** "In 2003, Perry was accused by the state Department of Environmental Protection of doctoring discharge monitoring reports. Hydrotech was doing work for the Memphord Estates Sewage Treatment Company, which was charged with illegally dumping sludge on the bank of Stony Run Creek in Monaghan Township." [Evening Sun, [1/2/06](#)]

**Perry Maintained His Innocence, Calling The Deal A “Last-Minute, At-The-Courtroom Deal That Was Never Supposed To Happen.”** “Mr. Perry, who maintains his innocence, called it a ‘last-minute, at-the-courtroom deal that was never supposed to happen, but it did.’” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [11/14/10](#)]

**Perry Claimed His Company Brought The Issue To The Attention Of The Department Of Environmental Protection, And “Tried To Do The Right Thing.”** “Perry said he still feels his company got a bad rap, because they brought the problem to the attention of the DEP in the first place. ‘We tried to do the right thing,’ he said.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [11/14/10](#)]

**Perry Completed An Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program For First-Time, Non-Violent Offenders To Avoid Conviction.** “He avoided a conviction and completed the state's Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program that is designed for first-time, nonviolent defendants.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [11/14/10](#)]

**When He Admitted His Participation And Entered A Diversion Program, A Judge Told Perry His Record Would Be Cleared After 12 Months.** “Perry admitted his participation in doctoring the reports at a Common Pleas Court hearing and was placed in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition probationary program for first-time nonviolent offenders. The judge told him that his record could be cleared at the end of 12 months if he committed no further crimes, which court records indicate is what happened.” [Evening Sun, [1/2/06](#)]

**Perry And His Company Paid A \$5,000 Fine After He Entered A No-Contest Plea.** “The state charged that Perry, as secretary-treasurer of Hydrotech Mechanical Services, and the two other men sent altered reports to the Department of Environmental Protection about discharge of chlorine and the levels of acidity in water being discharged into Stony Run from the Mesco plant. In November 2003, a York County judge fined Perry and Hydrotech \$5,000 after he entered a no-contest plea to the charges, meaning he didn't admit to wrongdoing but acknowledged he would likely be found guilty if the case went to trial. Perry was placed on the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program for a year.” [Patriot News, 3/24/06]

**Perry Said His Behavior Was “Cavalier” But Not Criminal.** “Perry insists his only mistake was to become involved in an operation that wasn't being run correctly and perhaps being slow to realize it. ‘Nobody really thought about it. We didn't know what [the plant owner's] responsibilities were. We just showed up and turned the valves and that kind of stuff,’ Perry said. ‘Is it cavalier? Yes. But it's not like this was some big industrial operation.’” [Patriot News, 4/29/12]

#### **Hydrotech Mechanical Services Was Repeatedly Subject To Liens**

**2004: Hydrotech Mechanical Services Was Subject To A \$6,045.59 Federal Tax Lien.** The case United States of America v. Hydrotech Mechanical Services Inc (#2004-NO-002545-35) was filed 8/4/04, and closed 9/7/04. The disposition was marked “satisfied.” [York County Civil Court, accessed [9/6/18](#)]

**2005: Hydrotech Mechanical Services Was Subject To A \$507.52 State Tax Lien.** The case Comm of PA Dept of Revenue vs. Hydrotech Mechanical Services (#2005-NO-000020-34) was filed 1/4/05, and closed 4/20/05. The disposition was marked “satisfied.” [York County Civil Court, accessed [9/6/18](#)]

**2011: Hydrotech Mechanical Services Was Subject To A \$336.90 State Tax Lien.** The case Comm of PA Dept of Revenue vs. Hydrotech Mechanical Services (#2011-NO-006827-34) was filed 10/24/11, and closed 5/4/12. The disposition was marked “satisfied.” [York County Civil Court, accessed [9/6/18](#)]

*Note: According to his Personal Financial Disclosures, Perry was affiliated with Hydrotech Mechanical Services until 2016. Business records obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State show the business name was transferred to a different company in 2016.*

**Perry Said His Experience With Hydrotech Led Him To Believe The Preferential Contracting System Was “Rigged”**

**Perry Said His Experience At Hydrotech Led Him To Believe That The Preferential Contracting System For Minority Businesses Was “Rigged.”** “Perry says preferential contracting for disadvantaged business enterprises is ‘a system that is rigged in too many cases on the side of people who aren’t using the program for what its intended purpose is.’ At the Oct. 22 markup of the surface transportation authorization bill, Perry proposed putting a five-year limit on how long a minority-owned or woman-owned firm can remain eligible for preferential treatment. He later withdrew his amendment amid resistance from panel Democrats.” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 11/19/15]

**Perry Said That Hydrotech Subcontracted In DC In Order To Meet The Women And Minority Owned Business Preference.** “Pennsylvania Republican Rep. Scott Perry says his own experience in contracting has made him all too familiar with abuses of preferences for minority businesses in public sector contracting. Perry’s family firm, Hydrotech Mechanical Services, does construction and maintenance for municipal and investor-owned utilities. Several years ago, it was bidding on a job for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Perry’s firm wasn’t registered in D.C. as a woman-owned business enterprise (WBE) or minority-owned business (MBE), so he sought a local subcontractor to meet the city’s minority participation requirement. The head of the MBE with whom Perry met told him that his firm wouldn’t do any actual work. ‘I’m just going to be your representative for your minority involvement. And you’re going to pay me for that amount of the contract,’ Perry says the MBE executive told him.” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 11/19/15]

**Perry Said He Did Not Think His Business Benefited From Minority Contracts Despite The Fact That His Mother, Who Was Hispanic, Owned A 51 Percent In Hydrotech.** “Perry’s mother, who is Hispanic, owns 51 percent of Hydrotech Mechanical Services. But, he says, the company has never filed for any of the state or federal requirements to be considered disadvantaged. Did Perry’s firm get any contracts because it was considered to be owned by a woman or a minority? ‘I don’t think we ever got any. Maybe we did, I don’t know,’ Perry says. ‘If we did [benefit], it was obliquely.... It’s not like we tried to. And if I was benefiting, and benefiting so greatly, why would I be the one that wants to change anything? Because it’s the right thing to do is the answer.’” [Congressional Quarterly Magazine, 11/19/15]

**Traffic Violations****Perry Had Two Traffic Violations**

**September 2017: Perry Was Charged With Driving Without A Signed Registration Card, Plead Guilty, And Paid A Fine Of \$104.** [Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania WebPortal, accessed [6/11/18](#)]

**June 2016: Perry Was Charged With Exceeding Max Speed Limit Established By 5 MPH, Plead Guilty, And Paid A Fine Of \$138.50.** [Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania WebPortal, accessed [6/11/18](#)]

## Perry Espouses Conspiracy Theories & Extremist Rhetoric

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *October 2017: Perry called the hurricane relief mission in Puerto Rico a “success story” and said that people in Puerto Rico were not dying.*
- ✓ *In television interviews, Perry has expressed conspiracy theories, including that he believed ISIS could be responsible for 2017 Las Vegas shooting and saying he smelled a “rat” in local investigation.*
- ✓ *Perry told a constituent that he did not support mandatory insurance coverage for maternity care because his family was done having kids.*
- ✓ *Local columnist: Perry “hasn’t seen a conspiracy theory that he didn’t like.”*
- ✓ *Perry appeared at least 7 times on the radio show of Frank Gaffney, a prominent Islamophobe and conspiracy theorist.*
  - ✓ *On Gaffney’s show, Perry said he wished Rep. Trent Franks, who asked a staffer to be his surrogate, would not resign, saying that what he was accused of was “not sexual harassment” and that the environment was “guilty until proven innocent.”*
  - ✓ *Perry also called Black Lives Matter a hate group, accused Democrats of collaborating with the Muslim Brotherhood, and espoused conspiracy theories about Hillary Clinton and the FBI.*
- ✓ *Perry met with a group that had been designated by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-Muslim hate group; Perry said the group was not anti-Muslim, and of the SPLC, said he was “not going to be bullied by ideologically driven, radical organizations into not taking meetings.”*
- ✓ *Perry said, “there are also [Muslim people] that want to kill Americans,” while opposing allowing asylum to Syrian refugees*
- ✓ *During a 2017 town hall, Perry claimed trees were contributing to pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.*
- ✓ *Perry listed a fake award from Sasha Baron Cohen on his website, then criticized the media for pointing it out.*

### Key Moments On Video

**Perry Said It Was Reasonable To Suggest FEMA Pull Out Of Puerto Rico, And Said The Hurricane Relief Mission Had Been A “Success Story”**

**October 2017: Perry Said He Agreed With A Trump Tweet Saying The Puerto Rican Government Was Responsible For Rebuilding After Receiving Aid From FEMA**

**October 2017: Perry Said President Trump’s Statement Suggesting Pulling FEMA And Military Aid Out Of Puerto Rico Was “Reasonable”.** “CUOMO: The president just tweeted and he suggested in there that you can’t keep FEMA and first responders in Puerto Rico forever. [...] How do you explain that tweet? PERRY: [...] I think the point the president is making is that FEMA has a finite mission and a finite amount of time to be there to get

people back into power and get back into some kind of civilized living condition. But then, at some point, it's up to Puerto Rico to get themselves out of this circumstance and help their people. And I think that's reasonable." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

**Perry Said That “Nobody Came To Help” Him When He Was A Flood Victim.** “CUOMO: “I've never seen [a crisis] as bad that involves Americans as I have seen in Puerto Rico. And while I may not be the person that's unloading and loading the boxes all the time, I've seen a hell of a lot of despair, congressman. PERRY: I've lived through it myself, a victim of flood on numerous occasions, had to clean it up. And I will tell you, nobody came to help us. We handled it ourselves.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

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### **October 2017: Perry Called The Hurricane Relief Mission In Puerto Rico A “Success Story,” And Said That People In Puerto Rico Were Not Dying**

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**October 2017: Perry Said The Relief Mission In Puerto Rico Was A “Success Story”.** “CUOMO: You are saying it's a success story and they are in dire need. PERRY: It is a success story. You're not on the ground there. CUOMO: Where is the success? I was on the ground there, sir? Don't tell me what we know and what we don't know. We're there reporting every day. Where is the success? PERRY: Yes. You are reporting every day and we're also getting reports every day that people are getting food. They're getting water and their needs are being serviced, but it's been devastated, and these things don't happen overnight.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

**Perry Said That CNN Reporter Chris Cuomo Was “Making Up” Extent Of Crisis In Puerto Rico.** “PERRY: You just can't make these claims and not put any metric to it? Who is without for how long? Who? How many people? Who are they? CUOMO: You have less than half the country that has what they need to – [...] sustain life, fresh water, power, food, places to live. PERRY: Mr. Cuomo, you are simply making this stuff up. You're making it up.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

**Perry: “They're Not Starving In The Hill, Sir. They Are Not Starving.”** “PERRY: What is enough? What is enough? Having the power on the next day? CUOMO: Having them not starving in the hills of Puerto Rico, sir. PERRY: They're not starving in the hill, sir. They are not starving. CUOMO: Not existing on the box lunch and a six-pack of water -- you are wrong.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

**October 2017: Perry Said That People Were Not Dying In Puerto Rico.** “PERRY: If half the country didn't have food or water, those people would be dying, and they are not.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [10/12/17](#)]

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### **Perry Said That His Comments About Hurricane Maria Were Misconstrued**

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**Perry Said His Comments About Hurricane Maria Were Misconstrued.** “Perry, in response to questions about the protest, said his words are being misconstrued. ‘I don't just empathize, I strongly sympathize, with the people of Puerto Rico and anyone suffering from this kind of devastation. The words I used in a recent interview are being perceived in a way beyond what I intended. I continue to stand with the people of Puerto Rico and am willing to do what we can to offer assistance.’” [Patriot News, 10/22/17]

### **January 2018: Perry Said That He Believed ISIS Could Be Responsible For Las Vegas Shooting, Said He Smelled A “Rat” In The Local Investigation**

**January 2018: Perry Said He Smelled A “Rat” In Local Police Investigation Into The Las Vegas Shooting.** “CARLSON: Congressman, you are the only member of Congress who has taken a position asking questions about this. What are your questions? [...] PERRY: [...] Well, I smell a rat like a lot of Americans do. Nothing is adding up. It's been four months [...] He is a lone gunman, lone shooter, yet we can't get the autopsy results. [...] [ISIS] claimed responsibility four times. Meanwhile, the local law enforcement investigative services are telling us there is no terrorist connection, lone gunman. Again, something is not adding up.” [Fox News, Tucker Carlson Tonight, [1/18/18](#)]

**January 2018: Perry Said He Received Evidence That A “Possible Terrorist Nexus” Was Responsible For Las Vegas Shooting.** “Recently, I’ve been made aware of what I believe to be credible evidence or credible information regarding potential terrorist infiltration through the southern border [...] they could be – let’s face it, ISIS – twice before the attack, ISIS warned the United States that they would attack Las Vegas, I think, in June, and August, and then, after the attack, claimed responsibility four times. [...] I’m just telling you, I have received what I feel to be, and believe to be, credible evidence of a possible terrorist nexus.” [Fox News, Tucker Carlson Tonight, [1/18/18](#)]

**HEADLINE: Perry: ISIS might be tied to Las Vegas shooting** [York Daily Record, 1/20/18]

**Perry Said That Insurance Coverage Should Not Be Required For Maternity Care Because He Was Done Having Kids**

**HEADLINE: Congressman Doesn’t Think He Should Pay For Maternity Care Because He’s Done Having Kids** [HuffPost, [5/12/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: Pa. congressman doesn't want to pay for maternity care** [PennLive, [5/13/17](#)]

**[VIDEO IN ARTICLE] Perry Told A Constituent That Insurance Coverage Should Not Be Required For Maternity Care Because He Was Done Having Kids.** “I don’t want maternity care. I have two children, and we’re not having anymore. I don’t want to pay for maternity care,” said Perry, who voted for the AHCA. An Indivisible activist pointed out that people who don’t have children or whose children are older still have to pay property taxes, which fund schools, adding that there’s a ‘social contract’ in American society for public goods. ‘Without a doubt,’” Perry replied. “‘But there’s also personal responsibility. Some people never want to start a family. ... Some people don’t want to own a Cadillac. But should we want to make everybody pay for a Cadillac?’” [HuffPost, [5/12/17](#)]

**Perry Once Met With An Anti-Muslim Hate Group, And Said He Opposed Syrian Refugees Because Some Muslims Wanted To Kill Americans**

**March 2016: Perry Said, “There Are Also [Muslim People] That Want To Kill Americans,” While Opposing Allowing Asylum To Syrian Refugees**

**March 2016: Perry Said, “There Are Also [Muslim People] That Want To Kill Americans.”** “Bringing in unvetted Syrian refugees, most people see that as incongruent with saying that [...] extremism is your top priority [...] There are many free, peace-loving Muslims in America and around the world, but there are also ones that want to kill Americans and westerners and they keep doing it.” [Fox News, On The Record With Greta Van Susteren, 3/24/16]

**December 2016: Perry Met With An Anti-Muslim Group, Then Said It Did Not Equate To His Support Of The Group**

**December 2016: Perry Met With Anti-Muslim Group ACT For America.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry met recently with the leader of an organization labeled by the Southern Poverty Law Center as ‘the largest grass-roots anti-Muslim group in America.’ On. Dec. 14, the Dillsburg Republican posted a photo on his Facebook page of himself with Brigitte Gabriel, founder of ACT for America, whom he describes as ‘someone who demands (and deserves) to be heard about the security of our nation.’ ACT, which stands for American Congress for Truth, is a nonprofit organization that compares itself to the National Rifle Association, but for national security, according to its website. [...] Perry said his meeting with Gabriel and one of her staffers was relatively routine, as he meets with people and groups of all backgrounds throughout the year. The three of them spoke about what Donald Trump’s

presidency might look like, how best to fight ISIS and certain pieces of legislation ACT for America hopes to influence, Perry said. The meeting went well, he said, and so they took a picture, which he posted on his official Facebook page.” [York Dispatch, [12/20/16](#)]

**Perry Said That Meeting With Anti-Muslim Groups Did Not Equate To His Support Of The Group.**

“HARLOW: Congressman, I have one more question for you before you go, and that is, a meeting that you had [...] with a group called Act for America. This is a group that the Southern Poverty Law Center calls the largest anti-Muslim group in America [...] the woman you met with [...] said [...] practicing Muslim who believe in the teachings of the Koran cannot be a loyal citizen to the United States. Your response to those who criticize this meeting? PERRY: My response is that as a representative of Congress, I meet with people from all different groups from all different ideologies, from different religions and so on and so forth, whether I agree with them or not [...] really look at the Southern Poverty Law Center, as the -- as the arbiter of who is a -- hate groups or terrorist organizations is ludicrous.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [12/26/16](#)]

**Perry Said That ACT For America Was Not Anti-Muslim, And That He Was “Not Going To Be Bullied By Ideologically Driven, Radical Organizations Into Not Taking Meetings.”**

“Perry called the Southern Poverty Law Center an ‘extremist left-wing organization’ and said anyone referencing its viewpoint is ill-informed or without merit. ‘The fact that they would condemn anyone is laughable,’ Perry said, urging anyone who reads this article to do their own research before accepting the center's definition of hate group. ‘One person's hate group is another person's patriot.’ Perry said he doesn't see ACT as anti-Muslim but rather as an anti-religious discrimination and anti-radical terrorism group. ‘I'm not going to be bullied by ideologically driven, radical organizations into not taking meetings,’ he said.” [York Dispatch, [12/20/16](#)]

**ACT For America Has Been Designated As A Hate Group By The SPLC Since 2015.** “ACT for America is listed as an anti-Muslim hate group because it pushes wild anti-Muslim conspiracy theories, denigrates American Muslims and deliberately conflates mainstream and radical Islam. [...] ACT for America has been an SPLC designated hate group since 2015, though Gabriel has a long history of degrading Muslims.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [9/20/18](#)]

**March 2017: At A Town Hall, Perry Said That Trees Cause Pollution**

[VIDEO] Perry Held A Town Hall On March 18, 2017. [Scott Perry, Facebook, [3/18/17](#)]

*NOTE: Perry's comments about trees causing pollution occurred at the March 18, 2017 town hall. Due to time constraints, we did not watch the entire video, so we cannot provide an exact time stamp. The news clips below summarize what Perry said.*

**At A Town Hall, Perry Suggested That God Was A Polluter Because Trees Were Providing Nitrates And Phosphates To The Chesapeake Bay.** “Turns out that even God is a polluter. That, at least, appears to be what U.S. Rep. Scott Perry (R-York) suggested at a recent town hall in Red Lion, York County. Perry, whose district covers parts of York, Dauphin and Cumberland counties, was asked at the forum how he proposes to reclaim and protect air and water reserves with the proposed budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency. Perry said appropriate levels of protection are needed and pointed to the Chesapeake Bay cleanup strategy that he said focused unfairly on point sources of pollution and ‘left some violators out.’ ‘Some violators - if you are spiritual and believe in God, one of the violators was God because the forests were providing a certain amount of nitrates and phosphates to the Chesapeake Bay,’ Perry said. His response generated a round of heckling from the several hundred district residents in attendance.” [Patriot News, [3/21/17](#)]

**Perry Blamed Trees For Pollution In The Chesapeake Bay, Then Said His Comments Were Misconstrued.** “Earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R, Dillsburg, told a hall full of his 4th Congressional District constituents that trees are at least partly to blame for pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. [...] Perry's comments had triggered mocking coverage from several national news organizations. He blamed the public

ridicule on ‘misrepresentation by the media,’ although a video of the town hall meeting where he made that allegation remains on his Facebook page.” [York Daily Record, 3/31/17]

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**January 2017: Perry Said That FBI Activity Authorized By The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Resembled That Of The KGB**

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**January 2017: Perry Said That FBI Activity Authorized By FISA Resembled That Of The KGB.**

“INGRAHIM: we have got to get into the story that we were on last night, this massive push, now, by Republicans, under way, to release that explosive House Intelligence memo on the Russia investigation. [...] Now, here's a sampling of what GOP congressmen are saying about that still-secret document. [...] PERRY: You think about, is this happening in America or is this the KGB. That's how alarming it is.” [Fox News, Ingraham Angle, 1/22/17]

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**Perry Said He Believed President Obama “Enables And Encourages” Terrorism**

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**December 2015: In Response To The San Bernardino Shooting, Perry Said The Obama Administration Threatened The U.S. By Putting “Policy And Political Correctness Above The National Security”**

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**December 2015: In Response To The San Bernardino Shooting, Perry Said The Obama Administration Threatened The U.S. By Putting “Policy And Political Correctness Above The National Security.”** “You realize there is actually a memo signed by Jeh Johnson that says that this was actually the policy not to look at their social media, then you wonder if the existential threat is just ISIS or Islamists, or is it also an administration that for political narrative puts policy and political correctness above the national security of the nation.” [Fox News, On The Record With Greta Van Susteren, 12/14/15]

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“COSTELLO: Ok. So in the past along those lines you suggested that Mr. Obama is actually collaborating with Islamic state militants. Are you suggesting the President is a traitor? PERRY: Absolutely not. [...] Where you talk about al Qaeda being on the run and being ineffective anymore when we see this march of radical Islam going around the globe... that’s what we’re talking about where the rhetoric that the president engages actually kind of incites some of this stuff and enables and encourages it. COSTELLO: So you're saying by these actions in a way, in an indirect way the President is collaborating with the enemy. PERRY: What we're saying is that he seems to be disregarding what most Americans see right in front of them. And we don't understand that. We're frustrated by it.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 2/18/15]

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**September 2014: Perry Said The U.S. Should “Get In” The War Against ISIS**

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**September 2014: Perry Said The U.S. Should “Get In” The War Against ISIS.** “CAVUTO: Is this [beheading of Steven Sotloff] an act of war, Congressman? [...] PERRY: [...] Well, the president might not recognize it as such, but I would say the Islamic State and these kind of insurgents worldwide have declared war on the United States some time ago, and as we would say in the army to the president, it’s time to get in the war.” [Fox News, Your World With Neil Cavuto, 9/2/14]

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**2014: Perry Said The “Radical Environmentalist Left” Was Responsible For The Country’s Reliance On Foreign Oil By Refusing To Support Exporting Natural Gas Or The Keystone Pipeline**

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**July 2014: Perry Said That The “Radical Environmentalist Left” Was Responsible For Reliance On Foreign Oil By Refusing To Support Exporting Natural Gas And Construction Of Keystone Pipeline.** “PAYNE: What do you make of the idea that today, when the President spoke, he took Europe to task, without acknowledging that, hey, we could actually free them so that they can make these independent decisions? [...] What is stopping this

message from reaching the White House? PERRY: What is stopping [...] this message is the radical environmentalist left. They refuse to acknowledge the importance of LNG and exporting LNG. They absolutely refuse to acknowledge the importance of Keystone pipeline [...] And the president is so wed to that radical left-wing base that he simply just can't utter the words." [Fox News, Your World With Neil Cavuto, 7/18/14]

**2014: Perry Said He Believed Mexican Government Was Holding A U.S. Veteran In Prison As A Symbolic Response To Illicit U.S Gun Exports**

**2014: Perry Said He Believed A U.S. Veteran Was Being Held In A Mexican Prison For Symbolic Political Purposes And Demurred When Asked If The U.S. House Of Representatives Should Act**

**May 2014: Perry Said He Believed Mexican Government Was Holding A U.S. Veteran In Prison As A Symbolic Response To Illicit U.S Gun Exports.** "CAVUTO: Do you think it's possible there's anything unusual about this Marine [...] that could justify this guy sitting in his cell? PERRY: [...] Maybe the situation is the Mexican government has said, look, America, you sent 2,000 weapons into our country, and you're complaining about this guy coming in with three. No one has been held accountable on your side for 2,000. What are you complaining about?" [Fox News, Your World With Neil Cavuto, 5/22/14]

**July 2014: Perry Said "It's More The Position Of The Senate" To Demand The Release Of An Iraqi War Veteran Imprisoned In Mexico.** "CAVUTO: Do you think it is going to get to the point in Congress where you guys do start demanding a pound of flesh for this and saying, if you're going to keep acting like this, we're going to stop trading with you, [...] we're going to stop giving aid, et cetera? Where are we there? PERRY: [...] The problem is, is that it's really not the position of the House of Representatives proper to do that. It's more the position of the Senate." [Fox News, Your World With Neil Cavuto, 7/10/14]

**July 2014: Perry Said America Would "Have Half The Crime" If It Treated Prisoners "Like Mexico Does" In Response To The Mexican Government's Imprisonment Of A U.S. Veteran**

**July 2014: Perry Said America Would "Have Half The Crime" If It Treated Prisoners Like "Like Mexico Does" In Response To The Mexican Government's Imprisonment Of A U.S. Veteran.** "CAVUTO: What are the odds of [...] getting him out of there? PERRY: Boy, it's a Mexican jail. If America treated its prisoners like Mexico does, we would probably have half the crime." [Fox News, Your World With Neil Cavuto, 7/10/14]

**2016: Perry Said That He Opposed Aid For Flint Because Pennsylvanians Should Not Be Accountable For Issues In Other Parts Of The Country**

**2016: Perry Said That He Opposed Aid For Flint Because Pennsylvanians Should Not Be Accountable For Issues In Other Parts Of The Country.** [3:00] "Last night. Just so disappointing. You've heard of the city of Flint, Michigan. Terrible tragedy with their water situation over there, right. Is it a failure of anybody in your county what happened in Flint, Michigan? No, it is not, right? It's the failure of the system and the people in it, right, at the EPA and in the city of Flint, Michigan that mismanaged their water system. Unfortunately, there's not gonna be any accountability, right. They wanted me to vote for a \$170 million dollars of you payin' for tax dollars. We got problems here of our own. We'll be accountable for our problems, but don't make us be accountable for their problems. We're done with that." [Scott Perry For Congress, Facebook, [9/29/16](#)]

**Perry: "I'm A Proud Deplorable"**

**Perry: "I'm A Proud Deplorable."** [6:42] "I'm a proud deplorable. Proud to be a deplorable." [Scott Perry For Congress, Facebook, [9/29/16](#)]

## Espousing Fringe Viewpoints & Associating With Extremists

*NOTE: Most of the items in this section are on audio.*

**Perry Appeared At Least 7 Times On The Radio Show Of Frank Gaffney, Who The Southern Poverty Law Center Called “One Of America’s Most Notorious Islamophobes”**

### **Frank Gaffney Was A Notorious Islamophobe And Conspiracy Theorist, And Praised Perry**

**Local Columnist: Gaffney “A Paranoid Loon And Peddler Of Strange Conspiracy Theories” Who Pointed Out That Perry Has Been Criticized For Spreading Conspiracy Theories.** “Perry mentioned the theory on a radio show hosted by Frank Gaffney, who bills himself as a national security expert and who others bill as a paranoid loon and peddler of strange conspiracy theories. It was kind of hard to follow, and didn't make a lot of sense, but hey, transcripts of Gaffney's shows read like the kind of stream-of-consciousness word salads that we've come to expect from people who peddle their wares in a world that seemingly has no connection to one in which the sky is blue. (During one show, Gaffney mentions that Perry has been attacked for spreading conspiracy theories and thanks the congressman for ‘standing up to this kind of, well, character assassination.’” [Mike Argento, York Daily Record, [8/1/18](#)]

**Southern Poverty Law Center: Gaffney “One Of America’s Most Notorious Islamophobes.”** “Once a respectable Washington insider, Frank Gaffney Jr. is now one of America’s most notorious Islamophobes. Grippled by paranoid fantasies about Muslims destroying the West from within, Gaffney believes that ‘creeping Shariah,’ or Islamic religious law, is a dire threat to American democracy. In 1988, he founded the neoconservative turned anti-Muslim think tank Center for Security Policy. He favors congressional hearings to unmask subversive Muslim conspiracies, and was even banned from far-right Conservative Political Action Conference events after accusing two of its organizers of being agents of the Muslim Brotherhood.” [SPLC, accessed [9/18/18](#)]

**Gaffney: Perry Has “Uncommon Intelligence, A Wealth Of Experience, And Innate Leadership Skills.”** “This is Frank Gaffney, your host and guide for what I think of as an intelligence briefing for the war on the free world. There is a man in congress who I have established has uncommon intelligence, a wealth of experience and innate leadership skills to bring them to bare for the country’s well being. He is doing it these days on Capitol Hill representing the people of the fourth district of Pennsylvania. His name is representative Scott Perry, but he also goes by Brigadier General Scott Perry, United States Reserves. He has experienced a lot in time and combat in the kinetic and political kind and it’s always a delight to have him with us.” [Center For Security Policy, [6/19/17](#)]

[AUDIO] **Gaffney: Perry “An Extraordinary Friend Of Mine.”** [1:50] [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

[AUDIO] **Perry To Gaffney: “Thanks For What You Do.”** [2:00, Segment 1] [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

### **Perry Appeared On Gaffney’s Radio Show At Least 7 Times**

- **[May 11, 2016](#):** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss “Ramifications of moving Guantanamo detainees to the U.S., Vulnerability of the electric grid to EPA regulations, Should Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security advisor, resign for lying about the Iran nuclear deal?”
- **[July 26, 2016](#):** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss “the recent Islamist attack in France” and “Iran Deal updates.”
- **[November 4, 2016](#):** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss “Did Hillary’s server create the largest security breach in State Department history?, Presidential Study Directive 11, North Korean and Iranian nuclear threats.”

- **January 13, 2017:** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss defunding the UN, Israel-Palestine, and the Muslim Brotherhood.
- **July 19, 2017:** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization, the NDAA, climate change, and gender reassignment surgeries for servicemembers.
- **October 16, 2017:** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss “Informal hearing on House IT Scandal, Why won’t the House leadership hold a formal hearing or investigation?, Iranian backed militia’s violent seizure of oil fields in Kurdish territory.”
- **December 8, 2017:** Perry appeared on Gaffney’s show to discuss “Implications of SPLC member serving as witness in Homeland Security hearing, Jim Jordan questions Director Wray regarding politicization of FBI, Peter Strzok’s role in Clinton investigation, The Muslim Brotherhood and the downfall of Western civilization, The civil affairs mission in Africa, President Trump’s Jerusalem embassy decision, The resignation of Rep. Trent Franks.”

### **Perry Appeared On A Panel Hosted By Gaffney, And Said That Obama Was Collaborating With ISIS**

**HEADLINE: Scott Perry: Obama is working collaboratively with Islamic militants** [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

**Perry, At A Panel Hosted By Gaffney, Said That Obama Was Collaborating With ISIS.** “U.S Rep. Scott Perry this week suggested that President Obama was collaborating with Islamic State militants. Perry, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and is oversight chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, was part of a roundtable discussion on jihadist militants when he offered his opinion on whether he would vote to authorize military force against the so-called Islamic State. Appearing on a panel discussion entitled ‘Defeat Jihad Summit’ hosted by Frank Gaffney, Perry, a Republican from the 4th congressional district, said he and the people of the United States were in a ‘conundrum’ as to whether support the president’s request for military action. The panel of about 35 participants included Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Sen. Ted Cruz.” [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

**Perry: Obama "Really Working Collaboratively With What I Would Say Is The Enemy Of Freedom And Individual Freedom And Liberty And Western Civilization And Modernity."** “Perry said he felt ‘duty bound’ to stop the ‘growing scourge’ of the Islamic State, but added he doesn’t want to sanction the use of force by Obama. He said the president is ‘really working collaboratively with what I would say is the enemy of freedom and individual freedom and liberty and Western civilization and modernity. And in that context, how do you vote to give this commander-in-chief the authority and power to take action when...you know in your heart that, if past performance is any indicator of future performance, that he won’t, and that he actually might use it to further their cause and what seems to be his cause and just drag you as a complicitor in it.’” [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

*NOTE: The above article contains a video of Perry’s remarks.*

**After His Comments Were Reported On, Perry Said That “Of Course” Obama “Isn’t Collaborating With Our Enemies.”** “Rep. Scott Perry on Friday softened charges he made earlier in the week on President Obama, focusing the tenor of his criticism on what he said was the president’s lack of leadership and not the earlier charge that the president was collaborating with Islamist militants. ‘Many citizens, including fellow service members, are increasingly more frustrated and fearful about the effects of the President’s lack of leadership,’ said Perry, a Republican from Pennsylvania’s 4th congressional district. ‘Of course he isn’t collaborating with our enemies; but by failing to offer a coherent strategy to confront this threat, he’s emboldened those who seek to harm us.’” [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

**December 2017: On Gaffney’s Show, Perry Defended Rep. Trent Franks, Who Resigned After Asking His Staffer To Be His Surrogate, And Said What Franks Was Accused Of Was “Not Sexual Harassment”**

**12/8/17: HEADLINE: Trent Franks, Accused of Offering \$5 Million to Aide for Surrogacy, Resigns.** [New York Times, [12/8/17](#)]

**New York Times: Franks “Offered \$5 Million To A Female Employee To Be A Surrogate... She And Another Female Employee Worried That The Lawmaker Wanted To Have Sex As A Means Of Impregnating Them.”** “Representative Trent Franks announced Friday that he would resign from Congress immediately after accusations emerged that he had offered \$5 million to a female employee to be a surrogate mother for his children, and that she and another female employee worried that the lawmaker wanted to have sex as a means of impregnating them.” [New York Times, [12/8/17](#)]

**[AUDIO] The Day Franks Resigned, Perry Appeared On Gaffney’s Show And Defended Franks, Saying That What He Was Accused Of Was “Not Sexual Harassment” And That It Was A “Guilty Until Proven Innocent Environment.”** [7:11, Segment 2] “Trent is a very, very knowledgeable and outspoken advocate of our national security and particularly things like our electricity grid. He’s a well-renowned expert on the grid and the electro-magnetic pulse threat that we face as well as our anti-missile defense shield. He is a salt of the earth guy, he would never hurt a flea, and I was just so crestfallen to hear the news. And I will tell you certainly I don’t know the facts. But I would say, you know, what he’s been accused of, is not sexual harassment, and I wish that he would stand and fight as opposed to walk away. But in this climate, I understand it’s easy to say when you’re not involved in it that it’s a very, it’s a guilty until proven innocent environment based on any accusation. He’s gonna be a huge loss to the Congress and to the American people and to the people of Arizona.” [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

#### **Perry Appeared On Gaffney’s Show To Criticize The SPLC And Black Lives Matter**

**[AUDIO] Perry Said That The SPLC Was “Very Biased” For Listing Gaffney As A Hate Figure, And Said That Black Lives Matter Should Be Considered A Hate Group.** Perry: [4:00, Segment 1] “The Southern Poverty Law Center has a very biased opinion in determining who are hate organizations, which individuals are involved in hate speech, and I think their criteria is the opinion of the Southern Poverty Law Center. That’s the criteria. Such people like Frank Gaffney, but the Family Research Council, Ben Carson, individuals and organizations, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, end up as people regarded as haters, so to speak and on their hate map. Meanwhile, groups like Antifa or Black Lives Matter etcetera, those individuals or groups or individuals associated with those groups aren’t included. [...] [the SPLC is] interested in silencing and banishing from society individuals who disagree with their view.” [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

#### **Perry Said On Gaffney’s Show That The U.S. Should Defund The U.N.**

**Perry Said On Gaffney’s Show That The U.S. Should Defund The U.N.** “So, you know, we took action to condemn the administration for its failure to veto that and I think you are going to see more—I think you are going to see a bill shortly, and a companion in the House, to defund the 22% of the United Nations that American taxpayers pay for, until such time as that resolution is rescinded, and I am going to be a full supporter of that. And I think you are going to see more of those types of things.” [Center For Security Policy, [1/13/17](#)]

#### **Perry Repeatedly Accused President Obama And Democrats Of Boosting The Muslim Brotherhood**

**[AUDIO] Perry Claimed That A Democratic Witness At A Congressional Hearing Was A Member Of The Muslim Brotherhood.** [0:33, Segment 2] GAFFNEY: In the Africa subcommittee, I was struck again by one of the witnesses in the latter, a fellow by the name of Saed Saed, a figure in an organization called the Islamic Society of North America. One that has been identified by the Justice Department as a Muslim Brotherhood front organization. Again, it’s a question of legitimizing organizations like that that’s worrying, I gather that was another Democratic witness, but tell us about these hearings, if you would, and the advisability of taking testimony from the Muslim Brotherhood. PERRY: Well that of course, let’s start with the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization started specifically for the furtherance of Islamism and the downfall of western civilization at their hand and of course the

Muslim Brotherhood is the instrument by which it's supposed to occur. Of course, as you know, Frank, many countries around the globe have listed them as a terrorist organization, and the United States much to my dismay has not yet, but it is troubling when your own Justice Department is very concerned about them and lists them as so and investigates them as terrorist organizations and front groups, then these individuals are testifying on their behalf in front of Congress. That's very troubling indeed. But again it is a Democrat witness, so that should inform your listeners as well." [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

**Perry: The Obama Administration Supported Organizations And Individuals “That Wish To Subvert The United States Government And Our Freedoms.”** “I think you would agree, and most people would agree if they look at the facts—there has been a turning of the head by the current administration, by the Obama administration, to organizations and individuals tied to those organizations that wish to subvert the United States government and our freedoms. And that can be found quite easily in what I know you are very familiar with, The Holy Land Foundation investigation files and the evidence gleaned from that which shows that these individuals and organizations—including the Muslim Brotherhood, including the Council on American Islamic Relations and others, operating in and around America—they have a different plan in mind, shall we say, for America, and we want to point out these things because, look, we have finite resources and while we are seeing people being blown up and murdered around the world—and now, in many cases as you know, sadly it has come to America—and where people are searching for answers, many of us say ‘our resources are stretched thin, and the answer is right in front of us,’ and we can’t really abide an administration that has taken an oath to uphold and defend the constitution, among other things, to look the other way when we have individuals tied to organizations that seek to do exactly the opposite.” [Center For Security Policy, [1/13/17](#)]

**[AUDIO] Perry Accused Obama Of Changing U.S. Policy To Work With The Muslim Brotherhood.** [5:37, Segment 1] Perry: “The United States, under Obama, by the written word, in a classified document that you can find some information on open source, presidential directive 11, which changes our policy in the United States to one of stability in the Middle East, well we deal with people that we don’t like and don’t necessarily agree with for the sake of stability and security for the United States and the greater western free world, we would deal with these people. The president, President Obama, changed that policy to one of working with organizations and individuals within those countries to overthrow those governments, and what’s more breathtaking in that is that the organization of choice is the Muslim Brotherhood, Frank, and I would remind you that Egypt just upheld a life sentence for the Muslim Brotherhood leader in that country. [...] And that’s who we chose to work with. [Center for Security Policy, [11/4/16](#)]

**[AUDIO] Perry Agreed With Gaffney That Americans Should Be Concerned That Huma Abedin Has Ties To The Muslim Brotherhood.** [7:30] After Gaffney stated that Huma Abedin had ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and asked if Americans should be concerned, Perry repeatedly said “absolutely.” [Center for Security Policy, [11/4/16](#)]

#### **Perry Touted Various Other Conspiracy Theories On Gaffney’s Show**

**Local Columnist: Perry “Hasn’t Seen A Conspiracy Theory That He Didn’t Like.”** “Which brings us to our own congressman, the estimable U.S. Rep. Scott Perry. When we last checked, he was talking about how ISIS might have been responsible for the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas and that Hillary Clinton, and not Donald Trump, was in cahoots with the Russians and that Barack Obama had aided and abetted Islamic terrorists and that.. well, you get the idea. The man hasn’t seen a conspiracy theory that he doesn’t like, so long as it involves the Clintons or Obama or any Democrat, I suppose. [Mike Argento, York Daily Record, [8/1/18](#)]

**COLUMN: U.S. Rep. Scott Perry dabbles in conspiracy theories in the Russia investigation** [Mike Argento, York Daily Record, [8/1/18](#)]

**Local Columnist: Perry Appeared On Gaffney’s Radio Show To Peddle An Anti-Hillary Clinton Conspiracy Theory.** “In the past year, he has put forth the theory that Hillary Clinton – sorry, Crooked Hillary – sold out

American interests to the Russians in the development of a tech-center billed as the Russian Silicon Valley. There doesn't seem to be much to it, and it's kind of hard to follow (part of it has to do with her husband giving a speech in Russia and being paid an obscene amount of money), but that's the beauty of conspiracy theories. The more complicated and oblique and outrageous they are, the more credibility they are afforded. This one has to do with American tech companies investing in the Russian project and that Clinton might have had something to do with it, which is all the proof you need. Mentioning Crooked Hillary in any conspiracy theory is gold – no need to elaborate because just know that whatever it was she was involved with, it's shady." [Mike Argento, York Daily Record, [8/1/18](#)]

### **Perry Criticized The FBI On Gaffney's Show**

**[AUDIO] Perry: "The FBI Is No Longer The Pillar Of Justice And Righteousness."** [6:17, Segment 1] "The biggest problem is that there are a bunch of holdovers from the previous administration but it sure has the appearance that the pillar of justice and righteousness that many of us believed it would be operating impartially within our society to make sure they investigate crimes, it now it looks more like it's – that we absolutely need it to be, it appears that under the last administration it became more of a secret police that no longer investigated crimes, it investigated individuals. And that's what I think the bigger picture is, that's what is laid bare." [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

### **Perry Co-Sponsored A Resolution To Impeach Rod Rosenstein**

**Perry Was Part Of A Group Of Freedom Caucus Lawmakers Who Introduced A Resolution To Impeach Rod Rosenstein.** "U.S. Rep. Scott Perry is one of the Republicans pushing for the impeachment of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, according to CBS News. The Washington Post described the move as 'a dramatic escalation in the battle over the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.' Perry is one of 11 lawmakers who filed the resolution for impeachment. All 11 lawmakers are members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, according to the Washington Post." [York Daily Record, [7/26/18](#)]

## **Additional Controversies**

### **Perry Listed A Fake Award From Sasha Baron Cohen On His Website, Then Criticized The Media For Pointing It Out**

**Perry Listed A Fake Award From Sasha Baron Cohen On His Website.** "As part of his effort to trick conservative activists and lawmakers into embarrassing themselves on his Showtime series Who is America?, Sacha Baron Cohen presented a fake pro-Israel award to an array of political figures called '70 at 70.' On behalf of a non-existent Israeli outlet called 'Yerushalayim Television,' Cohen's team told its unsuspecting victims (and some more rightly skeptical marks) they were being honored for their 'significant contributions to the State of Israel.' But weeks after the ruse was revealed, it appears that Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) still doesn't realize he was duped." [ThinkProgress, [8/3/18](#)]

**Perry Said That Reporting On His Fake Award "Rewards Those Who Not Only Try To Humiliate In The Name Of Entertainment, But Also Make A Mockery Of Israel."** "After several attempts to interview me (all declined) for what we discovered was a mockery, this addition clearly got by. We're human, we made an administrative mistake, and I own it. But reporting this as newsworthy – which it's far from – only further divides us, rewards those who not only try to humiliate in the name of entertainment, but also make a mockery of Israel (one of our closest Allies and of whom I'm a staunch supporter), and detracts from substantive issues that define a stronger community, Commonwealth and Country. I'm in disbelief that we're actually spending time on this, so I'm just going to keep working on behalf of people who want to see us get stronger, not weaker." [ThinkProgress, [8/5/18](#)]

## Scott Perry: Swamp Creature

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Perry voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act three times, including for final passage.*
- ✓ *Perry said “many people would view” SALT changes in the Republican tax bill as a tax increase, and defended increases to the national debt.*
- ✓ *Perry has received more than \$14,000 annually in Pennsylvania state retirement benefits, while also drawing \$174,000 in federal taxpayer funded salary as a member of Congress. He said that he might become “destitute” if he did not accept his state pension.*
- ✓ *Perry received \$266,720 from finance, insurance, and real estate industry while voting to eliminate Wall Street reforms.*
- ✓ *Perry received nearly \$60,000 from insurance companies.*
- ✓ *Perry voted for the American Health Care Act.*
- ✓ *Perry voted to eliminate limits on consumer Internet privacy.*

## Perry Benefitted From The Perks Of Congress

### Perry Has Received \$1,338,045 In Taxpayer Funded Salary

### Over His Five Years In Congress, Perry Has Received A Total Of \$870,000 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary

Perry has received a salary of \$174,000 since joining Congress in 2013. Over his five years in Congress, Perry has received a total of \$870,000 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Year	Congressional Salary
2013	\$174,000
2014	\$174,000
2015	\$174,000
2016	\$174,000
2017	\$174,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$870,000</b>

[Congressional Research Service, [6/11/18](#)]

### Perry Received A Total Of \$468,045 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary From The Pennsylvania House Of Representatives

**Career: Perry Received A Total Of \$468,045 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary From The Pennsylvania House Of Representatives:**

Perry’s Pennsylvania State Salary	
Year	Base Salary

2007	\$73,613
2008	\$76,163
2009	\$78,315
2010	\$78,315
2011	\$79,613
2012	\$82,026
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$468,045</b>

[Penn Watch, employee salaries, as of [11/15/12](#); Council of State Governments, [2/18/11](#), [6/1/10](#), [2/2/11](#), [2/15/11](#), [2/18/11](#)]

### **Perry Voted To Raise His Own Pay**

**2013: Perry Voted Against Continuing Appropriations That Blocked COLA For Members.** In May 2014, Perry voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$3.3 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2015. The total would include \$1.2 billion for House operations, \$595 million for the Library of Congress, \$519.6 million for the Government Accountability Office, \$488.6 million for the Architect of the Capitol and \$348 million for the Capitol Police.” According to the Congressional Research Service, “The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-46, Section 146, enacted October 17, 2013), prohibited the scheduled 2014 pay adjustment for Members of Congress.” **A vote yes was a vote to block pay increases.** The bill passed 285-144. [CRS, [6/21/16](#); CQ, [10/16/13](#); HR2775, [Vote #550](#), 10/16/13]

*NOTE: When using this research, keep in mind that Perry has also voted on various occasions against raising his own pay.*

### **Perry Would Receive \$17,748 Per Year In Taxpayer Funded Pension**

According to the Office of Personnel Management, a “Member of Congress or Congressional Employee (or any combination of the two) must have at least 5 years of service as a Member of Congress and/or Congressional Employee” to qualify for their retirement annuity.

The annual pension is calculated as “1.7% of your high-3 average salary multiplied by your years of service as a Member of Congress or Congressional Employee which do not exceed 20, PLUS 1% of your high-3 average salary multiplied by your years of other service.” [Office of Personnel Management, accessed [7/18/17](#)]

For Members who joined after 1991, the annual pension is calculated as:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{High-3} \\ \text{Salary} \end{array} \times .017 \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Years of} \\ \text{Service} \\ \text{through 20} \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{High-3} \\ \text{Salary} \end{array} \times .01 \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Years of} \\ \text{Service} \\ \text{over 20} \end{array} \right] = \text{Annual Pension}$$

[The Atlantic, [10/2/15](#); Congressional Research Service, [11/10/16](#)]

For any current Member eligible for their pension, their High-3 would be \$174,000, making the formula:

$$[\$174,000 \times .017 \times \text{Years of Service (Max 20)}] + [\$174,000 \times .01 \times (\text{Years of Service Over 20})] = \text{Annual Pension}$$

**At the end of his current term, Perry would have served six years and would receive \$17,748 in annual taxpayer-funded pension.**

### **Double Dipping: Perry Received An Additional \$14,397.84 Pension Per Year From Pennsylvania Since 2014**

According to his financial disclosure, Perry has received a taxpayer-funded pension benefit worth \$14,397.84 annually since 2014.

Perry's Pennsylvania Pension Benefit	
Year	Benefit
2017	\$14,397.84
2016	\$14,397.84
2015	\$14,397.84
2014	\$14,397.84
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$57,591.36</b>

[National Conference of State Legislatures, March 2016; Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Scott Perry financial disclosure, filed [8/7/15](#); filed [7/12/16](#); filed [6/27/17](#); filed [5/7/18](#)]

**Together, Perry has received \$57,591.36 in tax-payer funded pension from as a former Pennsylvania legislator while he was a member of Congress.**

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### **Perry Was Criticized By A Local Editorial Board For Pension Double Dipping, But Said He Was Entitled To A State Pension And Could Become “Destitute” So He Would Continue To Accept It**

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**Perry Said He Did Not Know He Could Delay His State Pension Payments.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, 51, receives a monthly pension payment for the three terms he served as a state lawmaker. That's in addition to the \$174,000 salary the Republican from York County receives as a member of Congress. He gets \$1,199 a month, according to records obtained from the State Employees' Retirement System through a Right-to-Know request. That's about \$14,400 a year, not counting federal income tax deductions. Perry said Tuesday that he didn't want to take the payments now -- he would rather have taken them 'someday when I retire.' But Pamela Hile, of the State Employees' Retirement System, said vested members of the retirement system 'can --and commonly do --delay applying for their monthly annuity.' The York Daily Record/Sunday News told that to Perry's office later on Tuesday. Perry checked. On Friday, he said he 'apparently screwed up.' Perry said his recollection was that after he left the state House in late 2012, SERS told him 'we're basically sending a check whether you want it or not.' 'That's my recollection,' Perry said Friday, 'but apparently my recollection's incorrect.'” [York Daily Record, 5/3/14]

**Perry Said He Was Not Planning To Stop Collecting His State Pension, Noting There Was A Chance He'd Be “Destitute” When He Retired.** “While Perry said he thinks it's foolish that he's paid prior to actually retiring, he said he's not sending that money back to the state or using it to write checks to the federal government. 'These are contributions that I made, and I'm preparing for my own future,' he said. He said he thinks it's what most people, 'wherever they worked, would do.' 'I'm not sure how much it's going to help in my declining years if I'm destitute because I haven't prepared for my retirement' he later added, saying that could make him a burden on others. He repeated that view Friday, saying he has a responsibility to himself and his family to plan for retirement.” [York Daily Record, 5/3/14]

**Evening Sun Editorial Board Criticized Perry For Double-Dipping His State Pension.** “The first step for U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County if he wants to pitch in and help the state he once served as a House member out of its pension fund jam is to opt out of collecting his monthly state legislative pension payment of \$1,199. [...] But Rep. Perry isn't planning to stop collecting his state pension. First, he said he wasn't allowed to delay collection of his pension from his time in the state House. (Note that he served just six years in the House. How many years of service do you have to put in at your job before you can collect a pension or are even eligible to tap a vested pool of money in your 401(k) plan?) Informed that he was indeed allowed to delay the payments to his time of retirement, Rep. Perry said he had been under the impression that he was required to take the money. But he checked and agreed that he 'apparently screwed up.' OK, well, how about rectifying the screw-up and stopping the payments until retirement which State Employees' Retirement System officials said can be accomplished simply by writing a letter? [...] 'It's something I'd have to potentially consider. It would have to be a family decision,' he said. He noted

that he'd made financial decisions based on his understanding that he had to take the money now. He explained that he's planning for his retirement and actually painted taking retirement money before actually retiring as the responsible thing to do. 'I'm not sure how much it's going to help in my declining years if I'm destitute because I haven't prepared for my retirement,' he said, noting that would make him a burden to others. Destitute? Seriously, Rep. Perry?" [Evening Sun, Editorial, 5/12/14]

**Perry Received \$2,963 In Privately Funded Travel**

**Perry Received \$2,963 In Privately Funded Travel.** As of June 2018, Perry had gone on one privately funded trip, receiving a total of \$2, 963 in travel. [Political Moneyline, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

Perry's Privately Paid Travel			
Dates	Sponsor(s)	Location(s)	Total Amount
3/1 – 3/2/18	Club for Growth	Palm Beach, FL	\$1,479
12/2 - 12/3/16	Heritage Foundation	Charlottesville, VA	\$1,484
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,963</b>

[Political Moneyline, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

**2014: Perry Declined Gift Travel Because “That’s Time Away From Your Constituents, Your Family.”**

“Congressman Scott Perry isn't among the U.S. House Representatives from Pennsylvania who have taken privately funded trips in the past year, though he said he's been offered several. The benefits of going on the trips don't outweigh the cost of being out of Washington and away from his constituents, he said. ‘That's time away from your constituents, from your family,’ Perry said. ‘You've got to judge the value for what you're going to get from being away.’” [York Dispatch, 7/23/14]

**Perry Consistently Voted With The Republican Establishment**

**Perry Has Voted With His Party 97% Of The Time**

**Perry Has Voted With The Republican Party 97% Of The Time.** According to CQ, over his career, Perry has voted with other members of the Republican Caucus 97% of the time. [CQ Vote Studies, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

Party Unity		
Year	Support	Oppose
2017	96%	4%
2016	99%	1%
2015	95%	5%
2014	96%	4%
2013	97%	3%
<b>Lifetime Average</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3%</b>

[CQ Vote Studies, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

**Perry Voted With Paul Ryan 81% Of The Time**

**Perry Voted With Ryan 81% Of The Time.** According to ProPublica, over his career, Perry had voted with Speaker Ryan 81% of the time. [ProPublica, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

Vote Comparison			
Congress	Total Votes	Votes Disagreeing	Percent Agreement
115 <sup>th</sup>	22	9	59%

114 <sup>th</sup>	569	64	89%
113 <sup>th</sup>	1176	76	94%
<b>Lifetime Average</b>	1767	149	80.67%

[ProPublica, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

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### Funded By Republican Leadership, Receiving \$5,000 From Paul Ryan

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Over his career, Perry has received \$5,000 in donations from Paul Ryan and his associated entities:

Donations From Paul Ryan		
Date	Candidate/Committee	Amount
8/1/12	Prosperity PAC	\$5,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

[FEC, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

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### Voted To Elect Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House

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**2017: Voted To Make Rep. Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House.** In January 2017, Perry voted for Paul Ryan to be Speaker of the House. Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [Election to the Speaker, [Vote #2](#), 1/3/17; CQ, [1/3/17](#)]

**2015: Voted To Make Rep. Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House.** In October 2015, Perry voted for Paul Ryan to be Speaker of the House. Paul Ryan received 236 votes, Nancy Pelosi received 184 votes, and Daniel Webster received 9 votes. [Election to the Speaker, [Vote #581](#), 10/29/15]

## Funded By Special Interests

### Top Overall Industries

Perry Top Contributions To Campaign Committee By Industry	
Industry	Total
Leadership PACs	\$115,000
Oil & Gas	\$105,000
Electric Utilities	\$97,500
Retired	\$85,913
Real Estate	\$75,510
Automotive	\$69,350
Health Professionals	\$69,270
Railroads	\$62,249
Building Materials & Equipment	\$61,250
Air Transport	\$56,298

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

### Top Overall Sectors

Perry Top Contributions To Campaign Committee By Sector			
Sector	Indivs	Other Cmtes	Total
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$266,720	\$150,520	\$116,200
Transportation	\$233,397	\$14,400	\$218,997

Energy & Natural Resources	\$228,500	\$38,250	\$190,250
Ideological/Single-Issue	\$218,059	\$34,670	\$183,389
Misc Business	\$184,536	\$105,286	\$79,250
Construction	\$157,080	\$51,630	\$105,450
Health	\$120,820	\$46,320	\$74,500
Other	\$99,023	\$99,023	\$0
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$85,654	\$67,154	\$18,500
Communications/Electronics	\$82,170	\$12,170	\$70,000

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [6/8/18](#)]

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### **Perry Received \$55,450 From Insurance Companies**

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### **Perry Received \$17,000 From The Telecommunications Industry**

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**2016: Perry Received \$17,000 From The Telecommunications Industry.** According to the Verge, during his most recent election, Perry received \$17,000 from telecommunications industry and its employees. [The Verge, [3/29/16](#)]

## **Perry Supported Key Republican Priorities In The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress**

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### **Perry Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill**

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#### **Perry Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill**

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**Perry Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In December 2017, Perry voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

**Perry Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment.** In December 2017, Perry voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with

foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling." The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

**House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules.** "The House, forced to vote a second time on the \$1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill." [New York Times, [12/20/17](#)]

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#### **April 2017: Perry Defended Republican Tax Plan, Despite Increases To National Debt**

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**VIDEO: April 2017: Despite Previously Stating That The Debt Was "America's Greatest Security Threat," Perry Defended Republican Tax Plan Increasing The National Debt, Because He Said Trump's Deficit Increased Military Spending.** "BERMAN: Your congressional Web site, though, says, quote, 'I sincerely believe that America's greatest national security threat is our ever-growing national debt.' So, Congressman, if the president's new tax plan adds to the national debt, is that threatening our national security? PERRY: [...] It's a balancing act, to be sure. We have to make very tough decisions. Just because we might be going further into debt, it might be to embolden -- correction, that's not the right term. To enhance our military capabilities and thus increasing our national security. So that might be the answer. And if it's short term, if it's short-term debt, at least we can find our way out of it. So we're -- look, we're going to be very careful about how we proceed with the tax plan, with national debt." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [4/28/17](#)]

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#### **Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – Increasing Pressure To Cut Program Like Medicare**

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**CBO Projected The Republican Tax Bill Would Add \$1.9 Billion To The Deficit.** "The GOP's signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion." [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

**AP: "A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America's Troubling Income Inequality."** "The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America's troubling income inequality." [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

**After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be "Reformed" In Order To Decrease The Deficit.** "With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he's targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. 'We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,' Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in

a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

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### **Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...**

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**New York Times: Tax Bill “Creates As Many New Preferences For Special Interests As It Gets Rid Of” After Republican Ambitions “Fell To The Powerful Forces Of Lobbying And The Status Quo.”** “The Republican tax bill does not pass the postcard test. It leaves nearly every large tax break in place. It creates as many new preferences for special interests as it gets rid of. It will keep corporate accountants busy for years to come. And no taxpayer will ever see the postcard-size tax return that President Trump laid a kiss on in November as Republican leaders launched their tax overhaul effort. This was not the grand simplification of the code that Republicans promised when they set out to eliminate tax breaks and cut the number of tax brackets as they lowered rates. As their bill tore through Congress, their ambitions fell to the powerful forces of lobbying and the status quo.” [New York Times, [12/16/17](#)]

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

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### **...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes**

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**VIDEO: April 2017: Perry Said “Many People Would View” SALT Changes In Republican Tax Bill As A Tax Increase.** “BERMAN: Anywhere from 3 percent to 4 percent. If you take away that deduction, would that be a tax increase on your constituents, Congressman? PERRY: Well, I think many people would view it as that. What we'll have to decide is, are the reductions in the rates enough to make up for individual deductions for different things, whether it's charitable contributions or whether it's your state and local taxes. And I just threw charitable contributions in there as an example.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [4/28/17](#)]

**Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025.** “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

**Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027.** “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

**RESOURCE: The Final Trump-GOP Tax Plan: National and 50-State Estimates for 2019 & 2027** [ITEP, [12/16/17](#)]

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**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas**

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**Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.**

“What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’”

[Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

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**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured**

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**Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance.**

“The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

**GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets.**

“The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive** [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

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**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Failed To Live Up To Republican Promises...**

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**HEADLINE: “New Tax Code Will Still Be Complicated Despite GOP Promise To Simplify.”** [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

**CNN Money: Final Tax Bill “Adds Plenty Of Complications, Particularly For Small Businesses.”** “But the plan Republicans and Trump came up with almost certainly won’t put tax preparers out of business. The final tax bill, released on Friday, does indeed deliver some simplification, but not as much as promised. And it adds plenty of complications, particularly for small businesses.” [CNN Money, [12/18/17](#)]

**Time: Republicans Failed To Follow Through On The “Central Promises” Of Their Tax Bill – To Allow People To File On A Postcard And To Benefit Working And Middle Class Americans.**

“As they pushed their sweeping tax bill through Congress, Republicans made two central promises. First, that the bill would simplify the U.S. tax code, allowing citizens to file their taxes ‘on the back of a postcard.’ And second, that the overhaul would primarily benefit working Americans and the middle class. The first claim proved false. And economic experts are skeptical about the second, arguing that the bill aids businesses at the expense of middle-class taxpayers.” [Time, [12/19/17](#)]

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**...Yet Perry Falsely Claimed That Taxes Could Be Filed On A Postcard, And Also Praised The Bill’s Repeal Of The Individual Mandate**

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**Perry Said He Supported The Tax Scam Because It Repealed The Individual Mandate, Every Bracket Would See A Tax Reduction, And Taxes Could Be Filed On A Postcard.** “For these reasons - and a few more - I supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which ultimately creates the framework to launch our economy into the modern era - something we owe not only to working families and small businesses, but also to future generations of

Americans. The bill closes unfair loopholes, lowers tax rates, simplifies the Tax Code, and repeals the Affordable Care Act's Individual Mandate that punishes Americans for declining to buy health insurance they can't afford or don't want. It lets our businesses compete on a fair and level playing field for the first time in a generation. Under the Plan, every bracket will see a tax reduction; that means a household of four earning the median family income of \$73,000 could receive a tax cut of \$2,059 - so they can keep their money for what they want, rather than shipping it to Washington. It also doubles the standard deduction (from \$6,500 to \$13,000 for individuals and \$12,000 to \$24,000 for married couples), expands family-focused tax benefits, and throws out many special interest loopholes. [...] Even better, 90% of Americans could be able to file their taxes on a form the size of a postcard; presently, our rigged Tax Code collectively forces 90% of us to spend about 7 billion hours and \$15 billion just to comply with it." [York Daily Record, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 1/11/18]

### **Perry Voted For House Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill**

**Perry Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In November 2017, Perry voted for "passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production." The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, [Vote #637](#), 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, [11/16/17](#)]

**Perry Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In November 2017, Perry voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries." The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, [Vote #633](#), 11/15/17; CQ, [11/15/17](#)]

### **Perry Voted For FY18 Senate Republican Budget That Set The Stage For Tax Reform**

**Perry Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican's Version Of The FY18 Budget.** In October 2017, Perry voted for "Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to \$640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than \$1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by \$1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system." The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #589](#), 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/26/17](#)]

**Washington Times: "The Goal Of The Budget Was To Set Up What's Known As The 'Reconciliation' Process" For Tax Reform.** "Already months overdue the fiscal year began Oct. 1 the budget calls for about \$1 trillion in discretionary spending this year, and envisions deficits of \$641 billion. But even Republicans said those numbers were probably irrelevant, and it will take a bipartisan deal later this year to set actual spending levels for 2018. Instead, the goal of the budget was to set up what's known as the 'reconciliation' process, which allows big financial measures to pass the Senate by majority vote, without having to overcome a filibuster." [Washington Times, 10/20/17]

**HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform** [CBS News, [10/26/17](#)]

**Senate Budget Cut \$473 Billion From Medicare And More Than \$1 Trillion From Medicaid Over 10 Years.** “Under Capitol Hill's byzantine budget rules, the nonbinding budget resolution is supposed to lay out a long-term fiscal framework for the government. This year's measure calls for \$473 billion in cuts from Medicare over 10 years and more than \$1 trillion from Medicaid. All told, Senate Republicans would cut spending by more than \$5 trillion over a decade, though they don't attempt to spell out where the cuts would come from.” [Associated Press, [10/19/17](#)]

**Senate Budget Eliminated House Republican's Requirement That Tax Legislation Be Revenue Neutral.** “The path to a compromise earlier looked contentious. The House's budget writers, led by fiscal hawk Rep. Diane Black of Tennessee, drew out a legislative map that would require any tax bill to be deficit-neutral and to be coupled with billions in mandatory cuts. Members of the Senate budget panel, by contrast, have given themselves much more flexibility. The Senate's budget allows the GOP's tax plan to add up to \$1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years, which proponents say will allow for more aggressive tax cuts.” [NPR, [10/20/17](#)]

**Senate Budget Promoted Reducing The State And Local Tax Deduction.** “The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to changes in Federal tax laws, which may include reducing federal deductions, such as the state and local tax deduction which disproportionately favors high-income individuals, to ensure relief for middle- income taxpayers, by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over either the period of the total of fiscal years 2018 through 2027.” [H Con Res 71, Text As Engrossed In The Senate, [10/19/17](#)]

### **Perry Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget That Cut Medicare And Medicaid**

**Perry Voted For FY18 Republican House Budget.** In October 2017, Perry voted for “adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The budget pass 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, [10/5/17](#)]

**AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.”** “The House on Thursday passed a \$4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

**CBPP: FY18 Budget As Passed By House Budget Committee “Would Cut Medicare Spending By \$487 Billion Over The 2018-27 Period, Largely By Shifting More Health Care Costs To Beneficiaries.”** “The 2018 budget resolution that the House Budget Committee approved this week would end Medicare’s guarantee of health coverage by converting the program to a premium support system. Overall, it would cut Medicare spending by \$487 billion over the 2018-27 period, largely by shifting more health care costs to beneficiaries. President Trump’s budget, by contrast, would spare Medicare from cuts.” [CBPP, [7/21/17](#)]

**House Budget Called For \$5 Trillion In Spending Cuts, Including Slashing Medicaid By \$1 Trillion.** “The plan, passed by a nearly party-line 219-206 vote, calls for more than \$5 trillion in spending cuts over the coming decade, promising to slash Medicaid by about \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, repeal the ‘Obamacare’ health law, and force huge cuts to domestic programs funded each year by Congress.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

**AP: “Republicans Are Not Actually Planning To Impose Any Of Those Cuts... Those GOP Proposals For Spending Cuts Are Limited To Nonbinding Promises.”** “But Republicans are not actually planning to impose any of those cuts with follow-up legislation that would be required under Washington’s Byzantine budget rules. Instead, those GOP proposals for spending cuts are limited to nonbinding promises, and even a token 10-year, \$200 billion spending cut package demanded by tea party House Republicans appears likely to be scrapped in upcoming talks with the Senate.” [Associated Press, [10/5/17](#)]

**Washington Post: House Budget “Set The Stage For An Ambitious Tax-Overhaul Bill They Are Planning To Pass Without Democratic Help.”** “House Republicans passed crucial budget legislation Thursday, setting aside months of intraparty squabbles to set the stage for an ambitious tax-overhaul bill they are planning to pass without Democratic help. The House budget resolution includes major spending cuts demanded by the party’s conservative wing, but the party’s focus is now on passing a tax bill that could add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the budget deficit. Special procedures set out in the legislation would ultimately allow Republicans to pass the bill over a potential Democratic filibuster in the Senate.” [Washington Post, [10/5/17](#)]

### **Perry Voted For Republican Repeal & Ripoff**

**Perry Voted For The American Health Care Act.** In May 2017, Perry voted for repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of \$2,000 to \$4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; New York Times, [5/4/17](#)]

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### **American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions**

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**Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.”** “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow

states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

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### **American Health Care Act Would Lead To 23 Million More Uninsured – Disproportionally Older People With Lower Incomes**

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**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026.** “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

**CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income.** “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

**CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law.** “CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

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### **American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans**

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**American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults.** “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

**New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market.** “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, [3/14/17](#)]

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### **Perry Originally Said He Would Vote No On The AHCA, Then Praised It And Voted For It After Changes Were Made To The Bill**

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**Perry Originally Said He Was “Not Happy” With The AHCA Because It Did Not Drive Down Health Care Costs.** “Rep. Scott Perry (R-York) is a member of the House Freedom Caucus. The group is so important that leaders and the Trump administration have reached out multiple times to try to win their support. In a town hall on Saturday, before House GOP leaders trotted out changes they hoped would win over restive conservatives, Perry told constituents he was a ‘no’ vote. ‘I’m not happy with this bill,’ Perry said. ‘I’ve expressed that to my leadership.’ Perry told an angry crowd that he is opposed to any government control of health care and said the main issue with the proposed bill is that it does not drive down health care costs.” [Patriot News, [3/23/17](#)]

**Perry Praised The AHCA, Saying It Would Give States More Flexibility.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York: ‘While it’s important to recognize the American Health Care Act does not repeal the Affordable Care Act in full, it is a first step, albeit an imperfect one. Recent changes in the ACHA will give states more flexibility to tailor health care policies to meet the specific needs of its citizens and help reduce premium costs over time.’” [Patriot News, 5/7/17]

### **Perry Voted For Eliminating Limits On Consumer Internet Privacy**

**Perry Voted For A Resolution To Eliminate Limits On What ISPs Could Do With Customer Information, Including Browsing Habits, Usage History, Location Data, And Social Security Numbers.** In March 2017, Perry voted for a resolution “that wipes away landmark online privacy protections, the first salvo in what is likely to become a significant reworking of the rules governing Internet access in an era of Republican dominance. In a party-line vote, House Republicans freed Internet service providers such as Verizon, AT&T and Comcast of protections approved just last year that had sought to limit what companies could do with information such as customer browsing habits, app usage history, location data and Social Security numbers. The rules also had required providers to strengthen safeguards for customer data against hackers and thieves.” The resolution passed 215-205. [S J Res 34, [Vote #202](#), 3/28/17; Washington Post, [3/28/17](#)]

**Washington Post: ISPs “Will Be Able To Monitor Their Customers’ Behavior Online And, Without Their Permission, Use Their Personal And Financial Information To Sell Highly Targeted Ads.”** “If Trump signs the legislation as expected, providers will be able to monitor their customers’ behavior online and, without their permission, use their personal and financial information to sell highly targeted ads — making them rivals to Google and Facebook in the \$83 billion online advertising market. The providers could also sell their users’ information directly to marketers, financial firms and other companies that mine personal data — all of whom could use the data without consumers’ consent. In addition, the Federal Communications Commission, which initially drafted the protections, would be forbidden from issuing similar rules in the future.” [Washington Post, [3/28/17](#)]

**Washington Post: The House just voted to wipe away the FCC’s landmark Internet privacy protections** [Washington Post, [3/28/17](#)]

### **Perry Voted For Repealing Wall Street Reforms**

**Perry Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.”** In June 2017, Perry voted for “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 “fiduciary” rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, [Vote #299](#), 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, [6/8/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms** [CNBC, [6/8/17](#)]

**New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”** “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity

requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, [6/8/17](#)]

## Perry Is An Archconservative

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Perry is a member of the hard-right Freedom Caucus and the Republican Study Committee.*
- ✓ *Perry supported the 2013 and 2015 government shutdowns. Both times, he was criticized by the York Dispatch editorial board.*
- ✓ *Perry signed on to a Freedom Caucus effort to impeach Rod Rosenstein, then said that the Freedom Caucus did not want to impeach Rosenstein.*

## Perry Repeatedly Supported Government Shutdowns

### **2015: Perry Threatened To Shut Down The Government Because Of Planned Parenthood Funding, And Was Called Out By The York Dispatch Editorial Board**

**Perry Said He Would Not Vote For Any Appropriations Bill That Funded Planned Parenthood, Stating That Planned Parenthood Funding Was Not Necessary Because Of The Individual Mandate.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, maintains he won't vote for any bill that provides funding to Planned Parenthood after controversial videos appeared to show organization officials talking about selling body parts of aborted fetuses. Perry, a Republican from the Dillsburg area, equated defunding Planned Parenthood to suspending an employee without pay when an investigation into alleged wrongdoing is launched. He's one of 18 representatives who sent a letter to House Republican leadership at the end of July demanding Planned Parenthood be defunded. [...] Perry questioned why the organization receives federal funding when the Affordable Care Act requires people to get health care insurance that covers most of the services provided by Planned Parenthood. ‘Why does this organization need the \$500 million?’ he asked, adding his stance isn't an attack on women's rights.” [York Dispatch, 9/14/15]

**York Dispatch Editorial On Perry's Government Shutdown Threat: “We've Seen What Happens When Perry's Narrow World View Clashes With Reality.”** “We've seen what happens when Perry's narrow world view clashes with reality. By 2013, the Affordable Care Act was the law of the land, despite about 40 attempts by House Republicans to repeal it. Yet that summer Perry and 79 fellow conservatives decided to give it another go this time threatening to hold up the entire appropriations bill until funding for the health care law was stripped. The tactic was doomed from the start, considering the Democratic-controlled Senate would never go along and the president would surely veto it. In the end, all Perry and the other reckless right-wingers got for their trouble was a 16-day partial government shutdown that disrupted the lives of millions of Americans and cost the economy \$24 billion. Apparently, that was acceptable collateral damage for true believers like Perry, who's now at again. Perry and a small band of cohorts in the House sent a letter to Republican leadership this summer threatening to reject any funding bill that includes money for Planned Parenthood. ‘Please know that we cannot and will not support any funding resolution ... that contains any funding for Planned Parenthood, including mandatory funding streams,’ they wrote. A funding bill is due by the end of the month, meaning a government shutdown is again possible.” [York Dispatch, Editorial, 9/16/15]

### **2013: Perry Supported The Government Shutdown, And Was Called Out By The York Dispatch Editorial Board**

**Perry Voted Against The Bill To End The Government Shutdown, Calling The Debt “A National Security Threat.”** “Pennsylvania legislators released statements after Congress voted to end the government shutdown and

avoid default. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, voted against the measure: ‘Collectively, Washington has once again avoided the tough decisions needed to reduce our unsustainable debt and strengthen the economy for all Americans. This is a clear failure of leadership on behalf of the Obama administration and Congress. ... Although we’ll all be glad when this current impasse is over, the fundamental issues at hand remain unchanged: We’re nearly \$17 trillion in debt and are in the process of bankrupting programs like Social Security and Medicare. Democrats and Republicans must finally end the process of kicking these difficult issues down the road for someone else to deal with. Our debt is hurting our ability to create family-sustaining jobs right now. It’s a national security threat and it’s making us uncompetitive globally. We simply can’t keep spending money we don’t have.’ [York Dispatch, 10/17/13]

**2013: York Dispatch Editorial Board Called Perry’s Support For The Government Shutdown “Shameful.”** “So here in the second week of their government shutdown, let’s not forget the Republicans who orchestrated this train wreck, especially since one of them is our very own Rep. Scott Perry. In August, Perry was one of 80 Republicans who signed a letter urging House Speaker John Boehner to link defunding the health care law with the appropriations bill that would have kept the federal government in business. Perry says the issue isn’t just about dismantling the health care law, ‘for me, the issue is spending.’ He acknowledges the tactic had no chance of success, considering the Senate would never go along and the president would surely veto it if it ever reached his desk. Perry’s intent was never to shut down the government and disrupt the lives and livelihoods of millions of Americans, he said. [...] Spin as much as you like, but your constituents will judge you by your actions. And right now your actions are shameful.” [York Dispatch, 10/8/13]

## Perry Is A Member Of The Freedom Caucus

### Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Member In The Freedom Caucus

**Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Congressman In The Freedom Caucus.** U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-Dillsburg, is the only Pennsylvania congressman on the Freedom Caucus. In October 2015, not long after the caucus formed, Perry penned a column for the Daily Record titled ‘Why I Joined the Freedom Caucus.’ There he wrote, ‘This group seeks to give a voice to countless Americans who feel that Washington no longer represents their interests.’ That explanation is straight out of the caucus’ mission statement.” [York Daily Record, 4/16/17]

### Perry Originally Refused To Answer Reporter Questions About Whether He Was In The Freedom Caucus, Saying “It’s Nobody’s Business But Our Own”

**York Dispatch Editorial Criticized Perry For Refusing To Answer A Question From A National Reporter About Whether He Was A Member Of The Freedom Caucus, And For Saying “It’s Nobody’s Business But Our Own” If He Was In The Caucus.** “When a journalist with CQ Roll Call caught up with Perry this week and asked if he was a member of the secretive, far-right House Freedom Caucus, the sophomore Republican from Dillsburg offered a sophomoric response. Perry didn’t have to answer the question, he said, because the reporter wasn’t one of his constituents in the 4th District. So there. ‘If they ask me, I’ll tell ‘em. Are you my constituent?’ he told the reporter. ‘... Well, you call my constituents and I’ll be happy to tell them where I stand. Happy. More than happy.’ [...] Still, we had a reporter, a constituent, mind you call Perry to finally answer the ‘Is he or isn’t he?’ question. Turns out, he is. We didn’t get it from our congressman, though. Perry didn’t return a phone call. His spokesman Bob Reilly, however, issued this statement ... via email: ‘I can confirm that Congressman Perry is a member of the House Freedom Caucus,’ he wrote, adding a web link to the caucus’ mission statement. [...] Asked by the Roll Call reporter about the secrecy surrounding the House Freedom Caucus, Perry actually said, ‘It’s nobody’s business but our own.’” [York Dispatch, Editorial, 8/17/15]

**AUDIO: Perry: “It’s Nobody’s Business But Our Own” If He Was In The Freedom Caucus.** [Roll Call, [7/13/15](#)]

*NOTE: The audio is in the linked Roll Call article.*

### **Perry On The Freedom Caucus: “We’re Not The ‘Hell No’ People”**

**Perry On The Freedom Caucus: “We’re Not The ‘Hell No’ People.”** ““We got together and said, 'Let's start our own program of real conservatives,' Perry said. Nine conservative members of the House formed the tea-party influenced caucus earlier this year. In order for a representative to be accepted in the caucus, he or she must be vetted and voted in by the sitting members. The group has about 40 members, Perry said. The caucus has come under fire, even from Republicans, for its perceived secretiveness, and it has been viewed as an obstructionist group. It doesn't keep a roster of members and won't say how many legislators are part of it. ‘We are not the 'hell no' people,’ he said. ‘We want it (the process) to be fair.’” [York Dispatch, 11/12/15]

### **Perry Signed On To A Freedom Caucus Effort To Impeach Rod Rosenstein, Then Said That The Freedom Caucus Did Not Want To Impeach Rosenstein**

**Perry Claimed That He Did Not Want To Impeach Rod Rosenstein, But Rather To Investigate Whether Rosenstein Tried To Smear Trump.** “The question simply is this: was Mr. Rosenstein collaborating with individuals within the FBI to use falsified information to smear then-presidential candidate Trump, and try to destroy him after the election? For starters, five top officials at the DOJ and the FBI have either been fired, quit or reassigned pursuant this issue. But to really understand the story, you have to start with the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) Court, a result of the attacks on 9/11 when the U.S. government realized we didn't have a legal way to track foreign terrorists who wished to kill Americans. [...] So we went to our House Leadership after Mr. Rosenstein's most recent failure to comply, asked for a Contempt of Congress Hearing to determine whether Members think he's contempt; if so, then a full House vote is then required to decide. Leadership refused, leaving rank-and-file Members with no other remedy to get to the truth other than using a ‘privileged motion’ - one of which is the Articles of Impeachment. To be clear, we're not interested in impeaching Mr. Rosenstein, and we're really not interested in a contempt hearing. What we want are the facts regarding this FISA application and the evidence - to ensure that we know who did it, why it was done, whether authority was abused and - most importantly - to ensure this never happens again.” [York Daily Record, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 8/12/18]

### **Perry Is A Member Of The Republican Study Committee**

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**Perry Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee.** “The Republican Study Committee -- Members are conservative and support taxpayers' rights and the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Pennsylvania members include: Perry, Rep. Mike Kelly, 3rd Congressional District; Rep. Tom Marino, 10th Congressional District; and, Keith Rothfus, 12th Congressional District.” [York Daily Record, 4/16/17]

## Relationships With Key Conservative Figures

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Perry criticized the Mueller investigation and praised Trump.*
- ✓ *Perry said that Bannon was the kind of nationalist who “will put the needs and requirements of the nation first.”*
- ✓ *Perry called Michael Flynn “a man of honor, courage, and integrity.”*
- ✓ *Perry said that Paul Ryan was “probably not as conservative as I’d like him to be.”*

## Donald Trump

### Perry Criticized The Mueller Investigation

**Perry Called The Mueller Investigation “A Fishing Expedition Prompted By The Illegal Use Of Federal Surveillance Powers And Discredited Information.”** “Perry has been publicly critical of US agencies' findings when it comes to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference efforts. In a statement to WITF in April, Perry described the Mueller probe, which has secured five guilty pleas, three of them from former Trump aides, as ‘a fishing expedition prompted by the illegal use of federal surveillance powers and discredited information.’” [Daily American, 8/17/18]

### Perry Said That Trump Was Doing A “Pretty Remarkable Job” As President

**Perry Said That Trump Was Doing A “Pretty Remarkable Job.”** Perry praised Trump for doing his best to keep campaign promises, saying that the president is doing a ‘pretty remarkable job’ despite early mistakes that are common to every new leader. [...] Perry was optimistic that executive and regulatory actions can be swift and produce change, as Trump has demonstrated, but the congressman acknowledged that the legislative process is challenging.” [Central Penn Business Journal, 4/13/17]

### Perry Supported Trump After The Release Of The Access Hollywood Tape

**Perry Supported Trump Despite His Comments Boasting About Sexual Assault.** “But Saturday, Perry seemed to be defending against those same kind of complaints. ‘Let me be clear: Donald Trump's comments from 10 years ago were reprehensible and indefensible. Period. My support's based solely on which candidate can best revive our economy and make our nation stronger and safer. That candidate is not Hillary Clinton.’” [Patriot News, 10/9/16]

## Steve Bannon

### Perry Said That Bannon Was The Kind Of Nationalist Who “Will Put The Needs And Requirements Of The Nation First”

**Perry Said That Bannon Was The Kind Of Nationalist Who “Will Put The Needs And Requirements Of The Nation First.”** “Trump has appointed political adviser Stephen Bannon, characterized widely as an ultraconservative, right-wing nationalist, to the principles committee of the National Security Council. At the same time, Trump has downgraded the roles of the director of national intelligence and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff to those of people who only occasionally attend NSC meetings. Perry described that as something ‘within the President's prerogative.’ But the congressman, who is an Assistant Adjutant General in the Pennsylvania National Guard and who has flown 44 combat missions, questioned whether Bannon has the ‘background and historical perspective’ to be on the council. He also said that ‘nationalism’ these days has two definitions - one is derogatory and the other is ‘deeply patriotic.’ ‘Steve Bannon is the kind who will put the needs and requirements of the nation first,’ he said.” [York Daily Record, 1/31/17]

## Michael Flynn

### Perry Called Michael Flynn “A Man Of Honor, Courage, And Integrity”

**Perry Called Michael Flynn “A Man Of Honor, Courage, And Integrity.”** “The resignation of of National Security Advisor Michael Flynn. Perry said Flynn is ‘a man of honor, courage and integrity,’ but that he was not privy to any conversations between Flynn and Russian representatives or Flynn and Vice President Pence. Perry said there should be an investigation into the allegations against Flynn. Perry also said that ‘nine people divulged classified information’ in the Flynn matter and ‘that needs to be addressed.’” [York Daily Record, 2/16/17]

## Paul Ryan

### Perry Said That Paul Ryan Was “Probably Not As Conservative As I’d Like Him To Be”

**Perry Said That Paul Ryan Was “Probably Not As Conservative As I’d Like Him To Be.”** “Paul Ryan: Perry said he supports Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., as the new speaker of the House. ‘He's not maybe as conservative as you'd like him to be. He's probably not as conservative as I'd like him to be,’ Perry said. ‘It doesn't matter as long as he's fair. [...] As long as the speaker is not imposing his political philosophy on the rest of the body, it can be fair. And that's what we're looking for,’ Perry said.” [York Dispatch, 11/12/15]

## Perry Is Ineffective

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Despite being in Congress for nearly six years, only one of Perry's bills has become law.*
- ✓ *Perry's legislation gains few co-sponsor.*
- ✓ *Many amendments Perry has introduced have been voted down.*

## Sponsorship Toplines

### Only One Of Perry's Bills Has Become Law

Scott Perry Sponsorship Toplines		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
115th Congress (2017 - 2018)	26	1
114th Congress (2015 - 2016)	28	0
113th Congress (2013 - 2014)	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1</b>

[Congress.gov, accessed [9/6/18](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of 9/6/18.

## Sponsored Legislation In The 115th Congress

NOTE: Updated as of 9/6/18

### Scott Perry Sponsored 16 Bills And 3 Joint Resolutions, 1 Of Which Became Law

### Only 2 of Perry's 19 Pieces Of Legislation Had More Than 5 Co-Sponsors

Scott Perry 115th Congress Sponsorships					
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	# of Co-Sponsors	Last Action/ Effective Date
5/1/17	H.R. 2273	Charlotte's Web Medical Access Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	32	6/2/17
2/8/18	H.R. 4994	Energy Sovereignty Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.	0	2/9/18
4/14/17	H.R. 2098	Second Amendment Defense Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	1	5/1/17
1/6/17	H.J.Res.2 2	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.	0	1/25/17

		Protection Agency relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources".			
4/12/18	H.R. 5496	TPS Process Reform Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	1	5/21/18
4/14/17	H.R. 2097	ATF Wrongful Reclassification Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	3	5/1/17
7/20/17	H.J.Res.112	Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamist Extremism	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	0	7/20/17
3/8/18	H.R.5229	Tuition Fairness for Citizens Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	5	4/30/18
1/4/17	H.J.Res.818	Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice	0	1/11/17
10/12/17	H.R.4021	Leveraging Performance-Based Transportation Services Act of 2017	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.	0	10/12/17
11/8/17	H.R.4310	Allow State Sovereignty Upon Refugee Entry (ASSURE) Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	5	12/13/17
7/19/18	H.R.6438	DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	1	9/5/18
3/2/17	H.R.1351	Strengthening Oversight of TSA Employee Misconduct Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 161.	1	7/17/17
5/16/17	H.R. 2468	Unifying DHS Intelligence Enterprise Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	0	9/13/17
1/4/17	H.R.275	Fairness for Crime Victims Act of 2017	Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	17	1/4/17
4/25/17	H.R.2120	Buses United for Safety, Regulatory Reform, and Enhanced Growth for the 21st Century Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.	2	4/26/17
2/28/17	H.R.1258	HSA Technical Corrections Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 50.	1	2/28/17
7/13/18	H.R.6374	FIT Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	1	9/5/18
1/6/17	H.R. 366	DHS SAVE Act	Became Public Law No: 115-38.	2	6/6/17

[Congress.gov, accessed [9/6/18](#)]

<b>Perry Kept Introducing Amendments That Failed</b>
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<b>Perry Introduced 3 Amendments That Were Voted Down</b>
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**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.216 To H.R.2319, Which Failed By Recorded Vote, 107 – 314.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.216 would “reduce the appropriation to the Congressional Budget Office.” [H.Amdt.216, offered [7/26/17](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.179 To H.R.2810, Which Failed By Recorded Vote, 185 – 234.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.179 would “strike section 336, relating to climate change.” [H.Amdt.216, offered [7/13/17](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.255 To H.R.3219, Which Failed By Recorded Vote, 177 – 248.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.179 would “prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce the final rule published by the Secretary of Energy entitled ‘Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps.’” [H.Amdt.255, offered [7/27/17](#)]

**4 Of Perry’s Amendments Passed**

**Perry Introduced 4 Amendments That Passed By Voice Vote**

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.239 To H.R. 3219, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt. 239 “increase[d] funding for EERE by \$15,000,000 and decrease[d] funding for the Department of Energy departmental administration by \$15,000,000.” [H.Amdt.239, offered [7/26/17](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.923 To H.R. 6147, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt. 923 “prohibit[ed] the EPA from using funds to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to section 115 of the Clean Air Act.” [H.Amdt. 923, offered [7/18/18](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.359 To H.R.3354, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.359 “prohibit[ed] the EPA from using funds to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to section 115 of the Clean Air Act.” [H.Amdt.359, offered [9/7/17](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.302 To H.R.3354, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary H.Amdt.359 “prohibit[ed] the use of funds for the NHTSA and FMCSA to finalize the notice of proposed rulemaking regarding speed limiting devices (81 Fed. Reg. 61941).” [H.Amdt.302, offered [9/6/17](#)]

**Sponsored Legislation In The 114th Congress**

**Perry Introduced 14 Bills And 4 Resolutions, None Of Which Became Law**

**None Of Perry’s Bills In The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress Became Law**

**Perry Introduced 14 Bills And 4 Resolutions None Of Which Became Law.** [Congress.gov, accessed [9/7/18](#)]

**Only 4 Of Perry’s 18 Pieces Of Legislation Attracted More Than 10 Co-Sponsors**

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Scott Perry 114th Congress Sponsorships					
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	# of Co-Sponsors	Last Action/

					<b>Effective Date</b>
3/25/15	H.R.1635	Charlotte's Web Medical Access Act of 2015	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	63	4/29/15
2/11/16	H.R. 4544	Energy Sovereignty Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.	3	2/12/16
7/21/15	H.R.3145	Protect Local Independence in Housing Act of 2015	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice	0	9/8/15
4/23/15	H.R.2019	ATF Wrongful Reclassification Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	16	5/15/15
12/11/15	H.R.4244	Refugee Resettlement Fund Act of 2015	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	0	1/15/16
7/29/15	H.R.3391	To provide Governors of States with the authority to withhold Federal financial assistance from units of local government that do not comply with the immigration laws, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	0	9/8/15
3/2/16	H.J.Res.84	Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Islamist Extremism	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	2	3/2/16
7/21/15	H.R.3146	Military Base Self-Defense Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	1	7/21/15
7/29/15	H.Res.401	Supporting the goals and ideals of "Vietnam Veterans Day".	Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.	0	7/29/15
4/28/15	H.R.2077	To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from increasing minimum financial responsibility requirements established by Congress for motor carriers of passengers, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.	7	4/29/15
2/3/15	H.J.Res.28	Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	0	2/19/15
1/5/16	H.R.4319	Second Amendment Defense Act of 2016	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	32	2/3/16
9/16/15	H.Res.422	Honoring the Red Land Little League Team of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania for the performance of the team in the 2015 Little League World Series.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	17	9/16/15
9/21/16	H.R.6110	Allow State Sovereignty Upon Refugee Entry (ASSURE) Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	5	10/11/16
5/19/15	H.R.2454	To provide for the public disclosure of information regarding surveillance activities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	0	6/16/15
3/17/16	H.R.4785	DHS SAVE Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the	5	7/12/16

			Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.		
10/29/15	H.R.3859	HSA Technical Corrections Act	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	5	12/9/15
5/1/15	H.R.2199	DHS Acquisition Accountability and Efficiency Act	Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.	5	5/1/15

[Congress.gov, accessed [9/7/18](#)]

### Perry Kept Introducing Amendments That Failed

#### Perry Introduced 4 Amendments That Were Voted Down

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.1346 To H.R. 5538, Which Failed By Recorded Vote 188 – 239.** According to a summary, Perry’s amendment would “reduce Appropriations made in this Act for the Environmental Protection Agency by 17 percent.” [H.Amdt.1346, offered [7/13/16](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.1076 To H.R. 4974, Which Failed By Recorded Vote 209 – 216.** According to a summary, Perry’s amendment would “prohibit the use of funds to be used to implement or enforce Executive Order 13502.” [H.Amdt.4974, offered [5/19/16](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.1345 To H.R. 5538, Which Failed By Recorded Vote 161 – 262.** According to a summary, Perry’s amendment would “prohibit the use of funds to develop, administer, purchase, acquire, or operate an unmanned aircraft system owned by the Department of Interior or the Environmental Protection Agency to perform surveying, mapping, or collecting remote sensing data.” [H.Amdt.1345, offered [7/13/16](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.806 To H.R.22, Which Failed By Recorded Vote 121 – 303.** According to a summary, Perry’s amendment would “increase by 5% each fiscal year for four years, the percent amount that Ex/Im should make available for small businesses. If they do not comply, they are barred for issuing any loans over \$100,000,000.” [H.Amdt.806, offered [11/4/15](#)]

#### Perry Introduced 2 Amendments That He Later Withdraw

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.1094 To H.R.5055, Which Was Withdrawn By Unanimous Consent.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.1094 would “increase Energy Programs, Department of Energy by \$15,000,000, and reduce Departmental Administration, Department of Energy by a similar amount.” [H.Amdt.1094, offered [5/24/16](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.168 To H.R. 2028, Which Was Withdrawn By Unanimous Consent.** According to a summary, H.Amdt. 168 would “increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$22,300,000 and to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount.” [H.Amdt. 168, offered [4/29/15](#)]

### 4 Of Perry’s Amendments Passed

#### Perry Introduced 3 Amendments That Were Agreed To By Voice Vote

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.1347 To H.R.5538, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.1347 would “prohibit the use of funds to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to, section 115 of the Clean Air Act.” [H.Amdt.1347, offered [7/13/16](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.637 To H.R.2822, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.637 would “prohibit use of funds in the bill on an unmanned aircraft system or to operate any such system owned by the Department of Interior for the performance of surveying, mapping, or collecting remote sensing data.” [H.Amdt.637, offered [7/8/15](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.336 To H.R. 2578, Which Was Agreed To By Voice Vote.** According to a summary, H.Amdt.336 would “prohibit the use of funds to implement the United States Global Climate Research Program's National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Report, the United Nation's Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis under Executive Order 12866.” [H.Amdt.336, offered [6/3/15](#)]

**Perry Introduced 1 Amendment That Was Agreed To By Recorded Vote**

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.335 To H.R.2578, Which Was Agreed To By Recorded Vote, 297 – 130.** According to a summary, Perry’s amendment would “prohibit the use of funds to take any action to prevent a State from implementing any law that makes it lawful to possess, distribute, or use cannabidiol oil.” [H.Amdt.335, offered [6/3/15](#)]

**Sponsored Legislation In The 113th Congress**

**Perry Introduced 7 Bills And 1 Joint Resolution, None Of Which Became Law**

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**Only 2 Of Perry’s 8 Pieces Of Legislation Attracted More Than 10 Co-Sponsors**

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Scott Perry 113th Congress Sponsorships					
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	# of Co-Sponsors	Last Action/ Effective Date
7/28/14	H.R.5226	Charlotte's Web Medical Hemp Act of 2014	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	38	9/26/14
12/12/13	H.R.3756	To provide for the public disclosure of information regarding surveillance activities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	0	1/27/14
12/12/13	H.R.3755	Union Tax Fairness Act of 2013	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	2	12/13/13
11/21/13	H.R.3611	DHS Immigration Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.	9	1/9/14
5/13/13	H.R.1957	Volunteer Veterans for Cemetery Service Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.	1	6/20/13

4/11/13	H.R.1513	To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes.	Received in the Senate.	4	1/14/14
2/28/13	H.R.925	To amend the Diplomatic Security Act to revise the provisions relating to personnel recommendations of the Accountability Review Board under such Act.	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	31	2/28/13
3/14/13	H.J.Res.3 6	Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified.	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.	8	4/8/13

[Congress.gov, accessed [9/17/18](http://www.congress.gov)]

### **Perry Kept Introducing Amendments That Failed**

#### **Perry Introduced 1 Amendment That He Later Withdraw**

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.994 To H.R.4923, Which Was Withdrawn By Unanimous Consent.** According to a description, H.Amdt.994 would “increase funds for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs by \$20.1 million and reduce funds for Salaries and Expenses for the Department of Energy by the same amount.” [H.Amdt.994, offered [7/9/14](#)]

#### **Perry Introduced 1 Amendment That Failed By Recorded Vote**

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.252 To H.R.2609, Which Failed By Recorded Vote, 140 – 275.** According to a description, H.Amdt.232 would “increase the Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability and Efficiency account by 31 million and decrease the Departmental Administration account by a similar amount.” [H.Amdt.252, offered [7/9/13](#)]

### **Perry Introduced 2 Amendments That Passed**

#### **Perry Introduced 2 Amendments That Passed By Voice Vote**

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.766 To H.R.4660, Which Passed By Voice Vote.** According to a description, H.Amdt.766 “prohibits the use of funds to implement the U.S. Global Climate Research Program National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report, the United Nation's Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866.” [H.Amdt.766, offered [5/29/14](#)]

**Perry Introduced H.Amdt.758 To H.R.4660, Which Passed By Voice Vote.** According to a description, H.Amdt.758 would specify that “None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Advanced Food Technology Project.” [H.Amdt.758, offered [5/29/14](#)]

## Issues

### Significant Findings

- ✓ *Perry supported cutting SNAP benefits.*
- ✓ *Perry said he questioned the need for public sector unions, especially teachers' unions.*
- ✓ *Perry said that no federally assisted programs would be lost if the Department of Education was eliminated.*
- ✓ *Perry opposed raising the minimum wage and criticized the need for a federal minimum wage.*
- ✓ *Perry said he supported defunding and repealing the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Perry wanted to reform the Social Security COLA formula.*
- ✓ *Perry introduced and co-sponsored legislation to make it easier to obtain guns.*
- ✓ *Perry voted against Superstorm Sandy aid.*

## Agriculture & Nutrition Issues

### **Perry Said He Opposed The 2014 Farm Bill Because It Did Not Go Far Enough In Cutting SNAP**

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“Regarding his opposition of the \$956 billion farm bill signed Feb. 7 by Obama, Perry said it spent too much money on food stamps without any way to pay for it. The Agriculture Act of 2014 cut food stamps by \$8 billion over the next decade, less than the \$40 billion that was initially proposed. Perry said he did not like the bill's uneven split between agriculture and nutrition funding, something he said should be even but has turned into an 80-20 imbalance over the years with the majority going to nutrition spending. ‘We can't sincerely get to the issues with them tied together,’ Perry said, noting his support for a House farm bill that segregated agriculture and nutrition. ‘There is too much fraud and abuse with food stamps that is not being addressed.’” [Evening Sun, 2/17/14]

### **Perry Said That He Supported Work Requirements For Public Benefits**

**Perry Said That He Supported Work Requirements For Public Benefits.** “Expecting able-bodied adults receiving welfare to work and/or prepare for work in exchange for receiving benefits. [...] If you don't like the ideas I've mentioned, please offer me better ones. I know this for sure: 46 million people in poverty is a national disgrace. We keep throwing taxpayer money at a system that creates dependency by making poverty as tolerable as possible; poverty is anything but tolerable.” [Patriot News, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 3/20/16]

## Budget Issues

### Spending Bills

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## **December 2017: Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Republican To Oppose The Short Term Spending Bill And Disaster Relief Legislation**

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**December 2017: Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Republican To Oppose The Short Term Spending Bill And Disaster Relief Legislation.** As lawmakers rushed off Capitol Hill for winter break, a pair of bills passed the U.S. House Thursday that include money to keep Pennsylvania's state-run children's health insurance program operating through March, as well as aid for Lehigh Valley schools that have taken in students displaced by the Puerto Rican hurricane. But only one of the measures - a short-term spending bill to keep the federal government operating through Jan. 19 - cleared the U.S. Senate later Thursday evening, leaving the \$81 billion disaster relief bill and its schools funding lingering until next year. The spending bill offers some limited assurances to families of the 180,000 children - including 11,000 in Lehigh and Northampton counties - who are enrolled in Pennsylvania's children's health insurance program, known as CHIP. [...] Pennsylvania's U.S. House members largely divided along party lines - with Republicans in support and Democrats opposed - on the four-week government funding bill and the disaster-relief legislation. The only exception was Rep. Scott Perry, a Republican from south-central Pennsylvania who opposed both measures. [Morning Call, 12/22/17]

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### **Balanced Budget Issues**

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#### **2015: Perry Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment**

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**2015: Perry Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment.** "U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, has again penned legislation that calls for a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Perry, freshly sworn into his second term, had campaigned on a balanced budget amendment. The legislation also aims to decrease the amount of debt the government can carry, requiring three-fourths approval from the House and Senate to bring on new debt. The same margin of approval from lawmakers would also be needed to increase taxes." [York Dispatch, 2/5/15]

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#### **Perry Praised Trump For Proposing A Balanced Budget**

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**Perry Praised Trump For Proposing A Balanced Budget.** "Perry also did not give Trump's budget proposal a glowing review. But he did give the President credit for submitting a balanced budget. 'I'm hopeful that we (Republicans and Democrats) can find common ground during the budget process and finally get serious about controlling federal spending,' Perry said." [Evening Sun, 5/30/17]

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#### **Perry Criticized Obama For Not Producing A Balanced Budget**

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**Perry Criticized Obama For Not Producing A Balanced Budget.** "For years, Republicans in Congress have been fighting to control government spending and get our debt crisis under control. President Obama has never produced a balanced budget. By this logic, Republicans should have the right to override the president and unilaterally start cutting wasteful government programs. But that's not how the Constitution works. Part of the oath I took a few weeks ago reaffirmed our commitment to a government founded on a system of checks and balances." [York Dispatch, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 2/17/15]

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### **Civil Liberties**

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#### **Perry Said He Had "Strong Concerns" About NPS Asking Gift Shops To Voluntarily Remove Confederate Flag Merchandise**

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**Perry Said He Had "Strong Concerns" About NPS Asking Gift Shops To Voluntarily Remove Confederate Flag Merchandise.** "The National Park Service asked those running its gift shops to voluntarily remove some Confederate flag merchandise from their shelves this week. [...] Statement from U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York

County on NPS decision: ‘I have strong concerns and many questions about the National Park Service (NPS) decision regarding the display of the Confederate Flag at Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP). The Battle of Gettysburg marks a turning point in American history, and this park is a living museum of that history. One of GNMP’s most important duties is to educate our citizens about the significance of the Gettysburg Campaign, the Civil War and the bravery of all Soldiers who fought there - on both sides. At first glance, this seems like a rushed decision by NPS officials in Washington based on public and media pressure rather than a thoughtful evaluation of the Confederate Flag’s educational and historic value to park visitors. Local business owners and officials in Gettysburg are justified in wondering what other uses of the Confederate flag, such as battle re-enactments, will be called into question next. I’m in the process of setting up a discussion early next week with GNMP officials so we can gather all the facts before I comment further.’” [Evening Sun, 6/26/15]

## Disaster Aid

### Perry Said He Voted Against Sandy Relief Because There Was Not A Specific Plan To Spend The Money

**Perry Said He Voted Against Sandy Relief Because There Was Not A Specific Plan To Spend The Money.** “Perry was criticized by many, including writers of letters to the editor, when he voted against the bill to provide relief to the East Coast following Hurricane Sandy. He said that throwing the ‘tens of millions of dollars’ at the problem without a plan to ‘quickly or effectively’ respond to the disaster wasn’t going to solve anything and that the money still has not gone toward providing relief for those who were truly affected by the hurricane.” [York Daily Record, 10/16/14]

## Education

### Perry Said That No Federally Assisted Programs Would Be Lost If The Department Of Education Was Abolished

**Perry Said That No Federally Assisted Programs Would Be Lost If The Department Of Education Was Abolished.** “Closing the U.S. Department of Education. Perry said no federally assisted programs would be lost by shutting down the department.” [York Daily Record, 2/16/17]

### Perry Expressed Concern That President Obama’s Community College Proposal Would Be Too Expensive

**Perry Expressed Concern That President Obama’s Community College Proposal Would Be Too Expensive.** “‘First of all, I am a product and an advocate of community college,’ said Republican Congressman Scott Perry, who quickly followed with concerns of the price tag. ‘I’m going to wait and see what the details are, but I’m not sure how this does anything to solve our debt issues,’ Perry said. ‘I don’t know how this does anything in the long term to reduce the cost of education for most of the people who want to get a further education.’ Perry said he has additional concerns about how certain colleges would be selected to participate, why community colleges were the only forms of higher education selected and what the long-term strategy is for such a program.” [York Dispatch, 1/9/15]

## Environment

### Perry Criticized The WOTUS Rule

**Perry Called The Waters Of The United States Rule A “Power Grab.”** “EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy told a joint House and Senate committee hearing earlier this month that the rule, introduced in April, would not expand the agency’s authority beyond what it is now. She said the Clean Water Act prevents jurisdictional expansion. [...] That explanation concerns conservatives, who say the language is problematic. ‘Anything can be

construed as navigable and under the jurisdiction of the federal government, as I read it,' said U.S. Rep. Scott Perry (R-York), who attended last week's hearing. 'This is a power grab by the administration and EPA because they don't think the states are doing a good job meeting what is required by the Clean Water Act.' Perry and U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) urged constituents in October to write to the EPA against the proposal during the public comment period that ended in November." [Central Penn Business Journal, 2/20/15]

**Perry Introduced A Failed Amendment To Strip Climate Change Reporting From The Defense Budget And Said That Climate Change Was Not A National Security Threat**

**Perry's Amendment To Strip Climate Change Reporting From The Defense Budget Was Voted Down.** "A U.S. House majority agreed on Thursday that climate change is a threat to national security, especially to American military installations, and rejected an amendment by U.S. Rep. Scott Perry to remove climate change tracking from the pending defense budget. Perry, R-Carroll Township, had argued that 'a litany' of other federal agencies are tasked with tracking the effects of climate change and that to include mandatory reporting in the defense budget was redundant and an unnecessary expense. After introducing his amendment, Perry explained that tracking climate change 'is best left to the agencies best suited to deal with these issues.' 'My goal with this amendment is to prioritize our limited defense resources on efforts that pose an immediate and direct threat to our national security,' Perry said." [York Daily Record, 7/15/17]

**Perry Said That DHS Should Not Focus On Climate Change And That It Was Not A "Threat Multiplier" To National Security.** "Perry 'believes the climate is changing,' said Reilly, 'but he doesn't think that government intervention to the point that the president is advocating is appropriate.' In a July 8 subcommittee hearing 'examining the Department of Homeland Security's misplaced focus on climate change,' Perry said, 'I am shocked that the Department of Homeland Security continues to make climate change a top priority.' He denied the DHS assertion that climate change is a 'threat multiplier' and said he wondered whether the department's emphasis on the importance of considering climate change in its strategic planning was based in 'fact or propaganda.' According to Reilly, Perry is concerned that acting to combat climate change could negatively impact an 'already weakened' economy." [York Dispatch, 8/25/15]

**Perry Signed A Brief Opposing The Obama Administration's Plan To Clean Up The Chesapeake Bay Watershed And Said That EPA Regulations Were "Heavy-Handed"**

**Perry Signed A Brief Opposing The Obama Administration's Plan To Clean Up The Chesapeake Bay Watershed.** "A group of 39 lawmakers is urging a federal court to block the Obama administration's plan to clean up the Chesapeake Bay watershed, describing it as an unjustified power grab. [...] Also signing the brief were four House members from Pennsylvania Reps. Bill Shuster, Lou Barletta, Scott Perry and Glenn Thompson. The filing comes after the court's deadline for submitting legal papers in the case. But the lawmakers argue they have a special interest in weighing in, saying the EPA went too far in negotiating a 2010 agreement that sets pollution limits in the nation's largest estuary." [York Dispatch, 6/25/14]

**Perry Called EPA Regulations "Heavy-Handed" In Regards To The Chesapeake Bay.** "A federal appeals court on Monday affirmed the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to order pollution reductions from Pennsylvania and all other states with waterways that drain into the Chesapeake Bay. [...] U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-Dillsburg, also has voiced concern about the federal regulations. 'I regularly speak with 4th (Congressional) District family farmers, small businesses, local government officials and citizens who express great concern with the EPA's heavy-handed approach to environmental regulation,' he said. 'Of course these folks want to do their part to help the Chesapeake Bay and other environmental priorities. But instead of finding commonsense ways to protect our environment, our communities get burdened with new federal mandates that lack clear goals and any realistic means to achieve them. Until we resolve that, local taxpayers and small businesses will be forced to keep shelling out money they don't have for plans that may not work.'" [York Dispatch, 8/6/15]

## Federal Reserve

### Perry Said The Federal Reserve Should Be Audited

**Perry Said The Federal Reserve Should Be Audited.** “Perry went as far as to say he believes the Fed should be audited. He also said he believes recent rate hikes have been holding back a growing economy under President Trump.” [Central Penn Business Journal, 8/10/18]

## Gun Issues

### Perry Co-Sponsored Silencer De-Regulation Legislation

**Perry Co-Sponsored The “Silencer Bill” Which Some Argued Would Deregulate Silencers.** “A co-sponsor of the the Hearing Protection Act, widely known as the ‘silencer bill,’ Perry argued that the bill would not deregulate suppressors, but reclassify them. ‘The ATF is actually supportive of the reclassification, citing the lack of criminality associated with the devices,’ Perry said.” [Patriot News, 10/5/17]

**Perry Said That The Silencer Bill Would Prevent People From Suffering Hearing Loss.** “Thousands of residents in the 4th Congressional District, which covers York, Adams, and parts of Cumberland and Dauphin counties, participate in hunting and sport shooting regularly and are at risk of hearing damage due to gun noise, U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa. said in a statement. ‘The proposed bill seeks to increase safety while shooting, allowing people to easily hear and react to fellow hunters and range safety officers,’ Perry said.” [Evening Sun, 3/9/17]

### Perry Introduced A Bill To Nullify President Obama’s Executive Order On Guns

**Perry Introduced A Bill To Nullify President Obama’s Executive Order On Guns.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry introduced a bill this week that would prohibit the president from enacting his proposed executive action as it relates to gun control, according to a news release from Robert Reilly, Perry's deputy chief of staff. The Second Amendment Defense Act disallows the executive branch from unilaterally taking action to create more restrictive regulations on law-abiding gun owners, according to the release. ‘The U.S. government already has 240 pages of gun regulations passed by Congress. President Obama's failure to enforce existing law should be the focus of attention here,’ Perry said in the release.” [Evening Sun, 1/7/16]

### Perry Introduced A Bill To Allow Military Personnel To Carry Weapons On Bases

**Perry Introduced A Bill To Allow Military Personnel To Carry Weapons On Bases.** “York County's Republican congressman has introduced legislation that would overturn a ban on military personnel carrying weapons on federal bases. Rep. Scott Perry, who represents all of York County, is calling it the Military Bases Self-Defense Act. ‘Unfortunately, we now live in a world where the troops who volunteered to protect our fellow citizens in dangerous places abroad are at increasing risk from violent extremism when they return home,’ Perry said, according to a news release. ‘Our military installations are repeatedly targeted, and current Department of Defense policy leaves these tireless servants unable to protect themselves.’” [York Dispatch, 8/11/15]

### As A State Legislator, Perry Introduced The Initial Stand Your Ground Bill In Pennsylvania

**As A State Legislator, Perry Introduced The Initial Stand Your Ground Bill In Pennsylvania.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York, who initially introduced Pennsylvania's Castle Doctrine bill as a state legislator, likewise told The Daily Pennsylvanian in April 2012: ‘An ironclad provision within the law says that ‘the potential assailant must be displaying a firearm or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use.’” [Public Opinion, 12/27/13]

## Health Care

### Perry Said That People Should Be Allowed To Purchase Health Insurance Across State Lines

**Perry Said That People Should Be Allowed To Purchase Health Insurance Across State Lines.** “I’ve argued for years that Republicans had an obligation to aggressively promote alternatives to Obamacare rather than just opposing it. I’ve advocated for health care reform that reduces costs, increases coverage and improves access to and quality of care. Solutions I support include: allowing citizens to purchase health insurance across state lines, helping small businesses pool together to negotiate better rates, expanding health savings accounts and pushing tort reform. For several years, I’ve been a co-sponsor of legislation to do this. The Empowering Patients First Act ensures that no one is priced out of the market, including individuals with pre-existing conditions, by providing grants to each state for high-risk pools or reinsurance pools to subsidize health insurance for high-risk populations and individuals. This bill also provides measures to protect employer-sponsored insurance and makes all health care coverage more portable to help ensure families have continuity of care.” [York Daily Record, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 1/15/17]

### Affordable Care Act (ACA)

#### Perry Said He Supported Defunding The Affordable Care Act Via The Appropriations Process

**2013: Perry Said He Supported Defunding The Affordable Care Act Via The Appropriations Process.**

“During a town hall-style meeting earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, told a crowd that there were political risks to attempting to defund President Barack Obama’s 2010 health care law through a temporary budget bill. ‘I’m for it, if we can do it,’ Perry told the crowd at a York 912 Patriots meeting in West Manchester Township on Sept. 5. House Republicans are now trying that strategy. Perry, like nearly all House Republicans, on Friday voted for a stopgap spending bill that would remove funding for the health care law. Perry described that action as a vote ‘to keep the federal government open and protect every hard-working American from the harmful impacts of Obamacare.’ ‘...It’s time for the Senate to do the same,’ Perry said in a short video message.” [York Daily Record, 9/24/13]

#### Perry Repeatedly Claimed That The ACA Cut Hundreds Of Millions From Medicare

**Perry Claimed That The Affordable Care Act Cut \$716 Billion From Medicare.** “The writer also claimed that Republicans want to eliminate Medicare. Really? Turn your attention to the Affordable Care Act, which included \$716 billion in cuts to Medicare and is directly responsible for the skyrocketing premiums that are crippling families and small businesses in our community. When it came for a vote, that bill was opposed by every single Republican. We plan to replace it with a health care plan that recognizes that people should have access to more patient-centered care, and not have to navigate through more government bureaucracy. You’ll have the freedom and flexibility to choose the care that’s best for you and your family.” [Scott Perry, Op-Ed, York Daily Record, 11/27/16]

**Perry Claimed The ACA Cut \$800 Billion From Medicare.** “Although Republicans are accused of trying to harm Medicare, Obamacare gutted over \$800 billion from Medicare to fund its massive new entitlement program - jeopardizing the future of our seniors’ health care system.” [York Daily Record, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 1/15/17]

#### Perry Said He Had “High Hopes” That The Affordable Care Act Would Be Repealed

**Perry Said He Had “High Hopes” That The Affordable Care Act Would Be Repealed.** “Affordable Care Act: Asked if it’s possible to overturn the Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare, Perry said it seems unlikely. ‘I still have high hopes,’ he said. ‘But every single day that goes by, it gets more and more difficult.’ The

needed votes may not be there and, since the system has been in place for more than five years, it might be too large to unravel.” [York Dispatch, 11/12/15]

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### **Perry Said He Was “Disappointed” In The King V. Burwell Ruling And Said That The ACA “Simply Is Bad”**

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**Perry Said He Was “Disappointed” In The King V. Burwell Ruling And Said That The ACA “Simply Is Bad.”** “Local politicians have responded to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling Thursday in King v. Burwell, which further entrenches ObamaCare. [...] U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York. ‘I'm disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision today. President Obama promised that the Affordable Care Act would cut costs and make coverage more affordable for families; however, his claims haven't held up to the facts. Many 4th District families, small business owners and medical providers I've met have told me about the increased cost of health insurance under this law and its unbearable mandates. I must respect the Supreme Court's decision but this law simply is bad and unaffordable for many people, and I'll not stop working to try to address it. I've long advocated that opposing the ACA wasn't enough; and have argued for a plan that will include common sense reforms that enjoy widespread support, such as stopping frivolous lawsuits through medical liability reform, allowing the purchase of insurance across state lines, and protecting patients with preexisting conditions. I'll continue to fight for those principles.’” [Public Opinion, 6/25/15]

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### **Perry Seemingly Cited IFAB As A Reason To Oppose The ACA**

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**Perry Said He Opposed The Affordable Care Act, Seemingly Citing IFAB As A Reason.** “What about the Affordable Care Act? Perry opposes it and said a provision in the act that allows a board to dictate whether a patient can have a procedure is not fair. The act has cost more than anticipated, he said.” [Evening Sun, 10/22/14]

## **Immigration**

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### **Perry: “I Don’t Support Amnesty”**

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**Perry Said “I Don’t Support Amnesty.”** “The first step in any reform process must be to secure our borders, period. The Department of Homeland Security has no metrics to properly measure the security of our borders. I've pushed the DHS to gain control of our border. Once our border-security concerns are met, we can reform the current immigration system, which clearly is broken. I don't support amnesty. It's blatantly unfair to the millions of people who've waited to come here legally. I'll support a legal immigration system that ensures visitors leave our country when they're supposed to; provides our agricultural industries with the workers they need; requires immigrants to understand and speak basic English; and revises visa programs to keep more entrepreneurs, investors and highly skilled workers. Finally, much has been written about how immigration reform is ‘good politics’ for members of Congress. Let's get the policy right first, regardless of what's politically expedient, and the American people will decide the politics for us.” [Patriot News, 10/30/14]

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### **Perry Issued A Statement Declining To Criticize Trump’s Child Separation Policy**

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**Perry Issued A Statement Declining To Criticize Trump’s Child Separation Policy.** “President Donald Trump's White House continued Monday to falsely blame Democrats for its own hard-line policy of separating families and children at the border. Meanwhile, bipartisan anger at the policy continued to build on Capitol Hill. [...] U.S. Rep. Scott Perry (R): Perry's office released a statement Monday. ‘We must remain a kind and humanitarian country to those who seek freedom, but we're also a sovereign nation with laws that ultimately determine how we can best control our borders and protect our people. Poor policies from previous administrations have encouraged and exacerbated illegal activities on our borders that hurt our children daily and erode our ability to protect them and our American way of life. While illegal activities on our borders that exploit children and our resources aren't new, the enforcement of our laws is; and while the laws are enforced, we must do everything we can to ensure that all

children are being cared for with the goal of the best possible long-term outcomes.” [Eastern Express Times, 6/19/18]

### **Perry Supported Trump’s Muslim Ban**

**Perry Said He Supported The Muslim Ban But Said Trump Should Have Given A Day Or Two Notice Before Implementing The First Version.** “Perry said he is ‘mildly critical of the rollout’ of Trump’s travel ban that targets entry into the U.S. by citizens of certain countries but believes the policy behind the temporary ban ‘is sound.’ And, the ban should have been no real surprise, he said. ‘He (Trump) talked about that for a year and half,’ Perry said. Perry said the problem with the ban was “not notifying people in advance” that it was going into effect immediately. He said a ‘day or two’ of notice would have prevented the confusion at the nation’s airports. He said foreigners with plans to come to the U.S. on a visa or green card would have been able to reschedule or delay travel plans rather than finding themselves in detention or a return flight. And, he said, it would have given the TSA and ICE time to get their protocols in order.” [York Daily Record, 1/31/17]

### **2016: Perry Introduced A Bill To Allow State Governments To Refuse Refugees**

**2016: Perry Introduced A Bill To Allow State Governments To Refuse Refugees.** “In September, Perry introduced the Allow State Sovereignty Upon Refugee Entry Act, which would give state governments approval over the resettlement of refugees.” [Patriot News, 11/3/16]

### **2014: Perry Co-Sponsored A Bill To Deport Undocumented Minors At The Border and Said That The Children Were Not Refugees**

**2014: Perry Co-Sponsored A Bill To Deport Undocumented Minors At The Border and Said That The Children Were Not Refugees.** “Co-sponsor Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, said Obama’s immigration policies - including Obama having granted amnesty to 800,000 foreign nationals - are being selectively used to allow young people to move to the United States and stay here. Gang violence has been occurring in those countries for years, and nothing has changed to drive children here other than the perception that children wouldn’t be deported, he said. The children need to be sent home, and the United States should have a limited role in resolving the issues that some say are contributing to the mass immigration, he said. ‘If you have a problem in your country because of gang violence and corruption. the United States can’t always do it all,’ he said. ‘The answer can’t always be to just leave your country and go to the United States.’ [...] ‘I’m not sure how the United States is going to help uncorrupt their governments because I suspect the people in their governments like it that way,’ he said. [...] Perry said he was skeptical of whether the children are refugees. ‘If I move out of Chicago because there were dozens of murders on a Fourth of July weekend and I don’t want to be part of that, does that make me a refugee?’ he asked.” [Patriot News, 7/13/14]

### **Perry Criticized DACA And DAPA And Said That The Programs Were Unconstitutional**

**Perry Criticized DACA.** “Let’s be clear: We wouldn’t be having this DHS funding argument if President Obama hadn’t taken his unilateral executive action. He picked this unnecessary fight no one else. Prior to taking this action last year, the President said, ‘... The notion that I can just suspend deportations through executive order, that’s just not the case.’ He reiterated variations of that argument more than 20 times. The idea that President Obama was forced into acting because Congress wouldn’t pass an immigration bill is absurd.” [York Dispatch, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 2/17/15]

**Perry Called DAPA And DACA “Unconstitutional.”** “Somewhere between the president’s legal reasoning and the tide of rhetorical criticism from the right stand the millions of individuals, the vast majority of them students and parents of school-age children, who are poised to benefit from the sweeping overhaul to immigration policy laid out in President Barack Obama’s executive order. ‘On Nov. 4, the American people sent a clear message that

they want balance in our government. They want Democrats and Republicans to work together to provide real solutions to the country's problems. The message from the American people, however, was not that they wanted unilateral and unconstitutional actions from the president.' - Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County." [Patriot News, 11/23/14]

### **2011: Perry Introduced A Failed Bill To Make English Pennsylvania's Official Language**

**2011: Perry Introduced A Failed Bill To Make English Pennsylvania's Official Language.** "In a definitive victory for those who prefer the obvious formalized, state Rep. Daryl Metcalfe has introduced legislation that would declare English as Pennsylvania's official state language. [...] Metcalfe courageously is picking up where former state Rep. Scott Perry, now a congressman, left off in 2011. Perry introduced similar legislation that initially attracted considerable attention before imploding almost immediately afterward in its own needlessness." [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 3/28/14]

## **Infrastructure Funding**

### **Perry's Deputy Chief Of Staff Said That The Federal Gas Tax Should Be Raised**

**Perry's Deputy Chief Of Staff Said That The Federal Gas Tax Should Be Raised.** "The federal government isn't doing enough to support transportation funding efforts, according to Bob Reilly, deputy chief of staff for Rep. Scott Perry. Reilly kicked off the speakers, followed by Matt Boyer, executive director of Commuter Services of Pennsylvania, Richard Farr, executive director of Rabbit Transit, and Dell. In his speech, Reilly pointed to the fact that the federal government hasn't increased the gas tax which helps fund a majority of transportation projects since 1993. This flat rate started to become a problem, Reilly showed through graphs, around 2008 when the economic downturn resulted in less driving. Vehicles are also becoming more fuel efficient. 'Our outlays keep growing, but revenue remains stagnant,' he said of Pennsylvania's transportation budget needs." [York Dispatch, 8/6/15]

### **Perry Suggested A "Broad-Based Energy Tax" To Fund Infrastructure Repair**

**Perry Suggested A "Broad-Based Energy Tax" To Fund Infrastructure Repair.** "On funding for highway and bridge repairs: The federal gas tax hasn't been raised since 1993 and applies only to gas- and diesel-powered vehicles. Instead of taxing just drivers, Perry wants to look at a broad-based energy tax that would apply to all sources of energy. And instead of passing short-term fixes to the federal Highway Trust fund, a long-term, 'methodical' approach that looks at transportation funding over five or six years is needed, Perry said. He also wants more public-private partnerships and said government should get rid of agreements that require it to pay overly high wages on highway construction projects." [York Daily Record, 7/19/14]

## **Labor & Jobs Issues**

### **Perry Said He Opposed Forcing Workers To Pay Dues To Join Unions, And Said "I Question The Need For Public-Sector Unions," Particularly Teachers Unions**

**Perry Said He Opposed Forcing Workers To Pay Dues To Join Unions, And Said "I Question The Need For Public-Sector Unions," Particularly Teachers Unions.** "Perry said he's against forcing workers to pay dues and join unions. While Perry said he sees the worth of unions in private companies, 'because there are still employers who abuse employees,' he's against forcing workers to pay dues and join unions. He went further, adding, 'I question the need for public-sector unions.' Perry said they pit taxpayers against the government and said that if government doesn't follow labor laws, who would. Perry said it's 'unfortunate' teachers have to pay compulsory union dues 'to pay for a union architecture and structure who often lobby against things they believe in and are teaching.'" [Patriot News, 10/26/14]

**Perry Said He Opposed Raising The \$7.25 National Minimum Wage And Said That Having A National Minimum Wage Did Not Make Sense**

**Perry Said He Opposed Raising The \$7.25 National Minimum Wage.** “Perry opposes increasing the federal minimum wage, which is \$7.25. It is not meant to be a family-sustaining wage, he said, but rather a starting point. A one-size-fits-all minimum wage policy is not good for America, Perry said.” [Evening Sun, 10/22/14]

**Perry Said That Having A Nationwide Minimum Wage “Doesn’t Make Sense.”** “Perry said establishing a nationwide minimum wage ‘doesn’t make sense’ because the actual cost of living varies widely across the U.S. Instead, he said, the minimum wage should be a local government decision.” [York Daily Record, 10/15/16]

**LGBTQ Rights****After The Obergefell Decision, Perry Said That Marriage Equality Should Be A State Issue**

**After The Obergefell Decision, Perry Said That Marriage Equality Should Be A State Issue.** “I’ve long believed that marriage equality for homosexual couples is a state issue and thus outside the purview of the federal government. This issue should be decided democratically by the people on a state-by-state level, not serve as yet another federal mandate.’ - U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York.” [Patriot News, 6/28/15]

**Perry Said The Family Research Council Should Not Be Considered A Hate Group For Opposing Marriage Equality**

**Perry Criticized The SPLC For Designating The Family Research Council A Hate Group.** “The writer cites the Southern Poverty Law Center as an arbiter for determining ‘hate groups.’ The clearly radical leftist SPLC has a history of recklessly labeling conservative organizations as ‘hate groups.’ Where once SPLC’s hate list was reserved for groups like the Aryan Nation and the KKK, in 2010 SPLC started citing Christian groups such as the Family Research Council as hate groups simply for opposing same-sex marriage. Is same-sex marriage a controversial topic - of course; but both sides have heartfelt beliefs that should be allowed the opportunity for debate.” [York Daily Record, Scott Perry Op-Ed, 12/25/16]

**National Security****Perry Called The Release Of The Torture Report “Almost Treasonous”**

**Perry Called The Release Of The Torture Report “Almost Treasonous.”** “‘Almost treasonous.’ That’s how U.S. Rep. Scott Perry, R-York County, described in a WPHT radio interview the release of a Senate report on the CIA’s use of torture on terrorism suspects. Obviously, the congressman is entitled to his own opinions. And he has a lot of them. For instance, remember when he said some years ago that people need guns to protect themselves against an overbearing government? That was a very strange comment from a representative of the government not to mention a military officer whose troops might become targets of armed whackos who decide to go to war against what they perceive as a tyrannical government.” [Public Opinion, Editorial, 12/23/14]

**Reproductive Rights****Perry Said That Taxpayers Should Not Have To Pay For Birth Control Or Erectile Dysfunction Medications, And That He And His Paid For Birth Control Themselves**

**Perry Said That Taxpayers Should Not Have To Pay For Birth Control Or Erectile Dysfunction**

**Medications.** “Perry said taxpayers should not have to pay for birth control and likewise should not have to pay for erectile dysfunction medications.” [York Daily Record, 2/16/17]

**When Asked About Birth Control Access During A Town Hall, Perry Said That He And His Wife Paid For It And “That’s How It Works.”**

“More questions and answers about birth control, including Perry’s response that he and his wife had used birth control and, ‘We paid for it. That’s how it works.’” [York Daily Record, 2/16/17]

**Perry Claimed That Planned Parenthood Was “Reporting Hundreds Of Millions In Profits”**

**Perry Claimed That Planned Parenthood Was “Reporting Hundreds Of Millions In Profits.”** “Perry said, even though taxpayer money does not directly pay for abortions, federal funds do support Planned Parenthood, which ‘is reporting hundreds of millions in profits.’” [York Daily Record, 2/16/17]

**Seniors’ Issues****2014: Perry Refused To Answer When Asked If He Would Support Privatizing Social Security, Medicaid, And Medicare**

**2014: Perry Refused To Answer When Asked If He Would Support Privatizing Social Security, Medicaid, And Medicare.** “When asked if he would vote for or support privatizing Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare, Perry would not say one way or the other. In both cases, Perry said he was in favor of making the systems solvent, whatever those solutions might be.” [Patriot News, 10/14/14]

**Perry Wanted To Reform The Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment Formula**

**Perry Wanted To Reform The Social Security COLA Formula.** “Perry has previously called for reforms to Social Security funding, including the formula that determines cost-of-living adjustments.” [Patriot News, 2/16/16]

**Term Limits****Perry Said That He Was Undecided On The Term Limits Issue**

**Perry Said He Was Undecided On The Issue Of Term Limits.** “Term limits: Perry said he goes back and forth on the issue of term limits. He’s in favor of a politician self imposing a term limit. A large time frame, for example an elected official being limited to 15 years in office, might work. ‘If you get a good person, you want to keep him, or her,’ Perry said. Voters, however, make the ultimate decision of how long an elected official serves. Perry noted that in his roughly six years as a state representative, about 50 percent of the House turned over. ‘I think the system works pretty well,’ he said. “If we use it correctly, I think it works.’” [York Dispatch, 11/12/15]

**Trade****Perry Criticized Trump’s Tariffs**

**Perry Criticized Trump’s Tariffs.** “Congressman Scott Perry - who votes in line with Trump’s position more than 85 percent of the time, according to FiveThirtyEight - called this tariff war ‘detrimental’ in a statement Tuesday. ‘Harley-Davidson provides quality, family sustaining jobs in our community, and I’m disappointed that these policies are projected to have such a negative impact,’ Perry said. ‘Tariffs are detrimental to our economic goals, and I’m hopeful that the President will resolve these trade disputes quickly for the long-term benefit of American working families.’” [York Daily Record, 6/27/18]

**Perry Claimed That Ex-Im Did Not Help Small Businesses And Instead Subsidized Wealthy Corporations****Perry Claimed That Ex-Im Did Not Help Small Businesses And Instead Subsidized Wealthy Corporations.**

“These calls try to highlight Ex-Im as a friend of small business a marginal claim at best. Mostly, it subsidizes some of the wealthiest corporations in the world, often based solely on ideological political considerations, and has resulted in market distortions that hurt American companies that don't receive its financing.” [Scott Perry, Op-Ed, 5/22/15]

**Transportation****Perry Accused Amtrak Of Wasting Money By Not Installing Positive Train Control**

**Perry Accused Amtrak Of Wasting Money By Not Installing Positive Train Control.** “But several Republicans accused Amtrak of wasting the money it has - about \$1.4 billion a year from Congress. Rep. Scott Perry (R., Pa.) asked why money from the \$800 billion federal stimulus passed in 2009 wasn't used to install Positive Train Control, ‘if it's such a priority.’” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 6/3/15]