

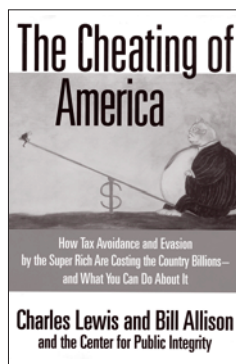
THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY

The Center for Public Integrity's reporting had substantial impact in 2001. One example: Information first released on our Web site led to scrutiny of a political party chairman's conduct and subsequent reform. Over the course of a highly productive year, the Center released 35 investigative reports on the Web and a revelatory book on tax evasion by the rich, *The Cheating of America*.

KEY REPORTS

January

Ashcroft Used State Employee to Fund Raise, by Josey Ballenger and Mohammad Asif Ismail, detailed how John Ashcroft used a state employee and state resources for political fundraising. The study was the first of nine reports the Center released on Bush administration officials between January and June.



March

The Cheating of America, by Charles Lewis, Bill Allison, and the Center for Public Integrity, published by HarperCollins, documented how several prominent names in everyday American life – from Apple Computer and Colgate to the producers behind blockbuster films – shirked their civic responsibility to contribute toward the well-being of the nation, evading the IRS. *NBC*

Nightly News, *The Today Show*, *ABC News World News Tonight*, *CNN*, and *C-SPAN* covered the publication's findings, as did *The Washington Post*, the *Associated Press*, and dozens of radio stations nationwide.

May

California Utilities' Donations Shed Light On Blackout Crisis. John Dunbar and Robert Moore reported that California's three largest public utilities spent \$69 million on political spending and lobbying between 1994 and 2000, the majority of which was directed toward creating and retaining the state's disastrous deregulation law. The law – passed unanimously by the California Legislature in 1996 – precipi-



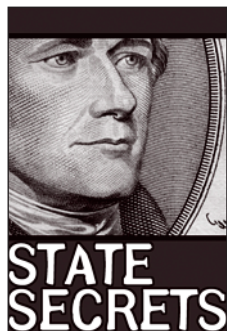
tated what has been described as the most costly public policy miscalculation ever by state lawmakers. The report was covered by *KNBC* in Los Angeles, *CNN*, the *Associated Press*, *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Bloomberg*, and other media outlets.

July

A project entitled **State Secrets**, a joint effort of the Center for Public



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Integrity, the Center for Responsive Politics, and the National Institute on Money in State Politics, was announced. Preliminary findings revealed that political parties registered at the state level raised more than \$600 million during the 2000 elections.

October

Arrested Italian Cell Sheds Light On Bin Laden's European Network. In this major scoop, Leo Sisti and Maud Beelman described a report obtained by the Center's International Consortium of Investigative Journalists reveal-

ing the cooperation among suspected Bin Laden cells in Europe. The report, which received international coverage, was the basis of an NBC News *Dateline* segment that credited the Center and featured an interview with Sisti.

December

Racicot Will Continue Lobbying While Serving As RNC Chair. Gil Shochat's report described how Marc Racicot would continue to lobby for energy, transportation, and entertainment interests while serving as chairman of the Republican National Committee, prompting Center director Charles Lewis to write an op ed piece in *The Washington Post* about the lapse in government ethics. Days after the Center was the first to point out Racicot's conflicts of interest, a stampede of public criticism, some of which cited Lewis' article, forced Racicot to abandon his audacious plan.

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