

**PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT
OVERSIGHT, INC.**

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Year Ended December 31, 2003

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2003

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 627, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization: **Project on Government Oversight, Inc.**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) **Room/suite**
666 11th Street, NW 500

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Washington, DC 20001

D Employer identification number: **52-1739443**

E Telephone number: **202-347-1122**

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify):

* Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: **3**

H(e) Are all affiliates included? **N/A** Yes No (If "No," attach a list.)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

I Group Exemption Number: **2003-04000**

G Website: **www.pogo.org**

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c)(3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **737,125.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:			
a	Direct public support	1a		
b	Indirect public support	1b		
c	Government contributions (grants)	1c		
d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 671,548. noncash \$ 49,999.)		1d	721,547.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)		2	2,421.
3	Membership dues and assessments		3	
4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		4	8,773.
5	Dividends and interest from securities		5	4,384.
6 a	Gross rents			
b	Less: rental expenses			
c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c	
7	Other investment income (describe)		7	
8 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a	8b	
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8c		
d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))		8d	
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a		
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b		
c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)		9c	
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)		10c	
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)		11	
12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)		12	737,125.
13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))		13	628,942.
14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))		14	20,724.
15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))		15	46,764.
16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)		16	
17	Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))		17	696,430.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)		18	40,695.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))		19	1,175,137.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 1		20	30,453.
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)		21	1,246,285.

Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 6b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22 Grants and allocations (attach schedule)				
cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____				
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25 Compensation of officers, directors, etc.	144,777.	131,747.	4,343.	8,687.
26 Other salaries and wages	301,564.	274,423.	9,047.	
27 Pension plan contributions	27,815.	25,312.	834.	1
28 Other employee benefits	35,227.	32,056.	1,057.	2
29 Payroll taxes	35,131.	31,969.	1,054.	
30 Professional fundraising fees				
31 Accounting fees	11,248.	10,236.	337.	675.
32 Legal fees	1,753.	1,595.	53.	105.
33 Supplies	5,014.	4,563.	150.	301.
34 Telephone	9,488.	8,634.	285.	569.
35 Postage and shipping	6,479.	5,896.	194.	389.
36 Occupancy	57,628.	52,441.	1,729.	3,458.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	3,834.	3,489.	115.	230.
38 Printing and publications	11,803.	10,741.	354.	708.
39 Travel	2,507.	2,282.	75.	150.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
41 Interest				
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	10,037.	9,134.	301.	602.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a _____				
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e See Statement 2	32,125.	24,424.	796.	6,905.
44 Total of program service expenses (should equal line 43e, column (B), Program services)	696,430.	628,942.	20,724.	46,764.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____;

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **See Statement 3**

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs. and 4947(a)(1) trusts but optional for others.)

a See Statement 4	(Grants and allocations \$)	186,610.
b See Statement 5	(Grants and allocations \$)	165,846.
c General Program: This program investigates, exposes, and seeks to remedy systemic abuses of power, mismanagement, and subservience by the federal government to powerful special interests.	(Grants and allocations \$)	62,519.
d Contractor Accountability: This project seeks to investigate, expose and remedy cases where contractors exert inappropriate special interest influence over the government's decision-making.	(Grants and allocations \$)	131,360.
e Other program services (attach schedule) Statement 6	(Grants and allocations \$)	82,607.
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)		628,942.



Part IV Balance Sheets

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
45	Cash - non-interest-bearing	24,738.	46,419.
46	Savings and temporary cash investments	522,023.	227,542.
47 a	Accounts receivable		
b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		
48 a	Pledges receivable		
b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		
49	Grants receivable	80,000.	80,000.
50	Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		
51 a	Other notes and loans receivable		
b	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		
52	Inventories for sale or use		
53	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,363.	4,446.
54	Investments - securities Stmt 7 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	523,573.	867,362.
55 a	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis		
b	Less: accumulated depreciation		
56	Investments - other		
57 a	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	55,606.	
b	Less: accumulated depreciation	35,090.	
58	Other assets (describe ▶		
59	Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	1,178,233.	1,246,285.
60	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,096.	
61	Grants payable		
62	Deferred revenue		
63	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		
64 a	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		
b	Mortgages and other notes payable		
65	Other liabilities (describe ▶		
66	Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)	3,096.	0.
Net Assets or Fund Balances			
Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
67	Unrestricted	1,095,137.	1,033,785.
68	Temporarily restricted	80,000.	212,500.
69	Permanently restricted		
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
70	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		
71	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		
72	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		
73	Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)	1,175,137.	1,246,285.
74	Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	1,178,233.	1,246,285.

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

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Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return

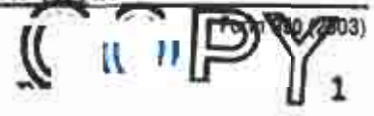
a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	▶	a	767,578.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:			
(1)	Net unrealized gains on investments	\$	30,453.	
(2)	Donated services and use of facilities	\$		
(3)	Recoveries of prior year grants	\$		
(4)	Other (specify):	\$		
			b	30,453.
			c	737,125.
			d	0.

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	▶	
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:		
(1)	Donated services and use of facilities	\$	
(2)	Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990	\$	
(3)	Losses reported on line 20, Form 990	\$	
(4)	Other (specify):	\$	
			0
			▶
			▶
			696,430.
			d

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Danielle Brian 666 11th Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20001	Exec. Director/President 40 hrs/wk	74,000.	4,760.	0.
Keith Rutter 666 11th Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20001	Dir. Operations/Secretary 40 hrs/wk	70,777.	13,045.	0.
See Attached Statement for Listing of Non-Compensated Officers, Directors and Trustees		0.	0.	0.

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? If "Yes," attach schedule. Yes No



Part VI Other Information

		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	76	X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	77	A
78 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	N/A
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	A
80 a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization <input type="checkbox"/> and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81 a	Enter direct or indirect political expenditures. See line 81 Instructions	81a	0.
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X
82 a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	N/A
83 a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	X
84 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	N/A
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	N/A
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	N/A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.	85b	N/A
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	N/A
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	N/A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	N/A
86	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12		N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities		N/A
87	501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders		N/A
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	N/A
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	X
89 a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.; section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.; section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		0.
90 a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003	90b	9
91	The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> The Organization Telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> (202) 347-1122		

Located at 666 11th Street NW, Suite 500, Washington DC ZIP 20001

92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 92



Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 33 of the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Table with 5 columns: (A) Business code, (B) Amount, (C) Exclusion code, (D) Amount, (E) Related or exempt function income. Rows include 83 Program service revenue, 84-103 Other revenue, and 104-105 Subtotal/Total.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Line No. Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

93a Dissemination of information through publications.

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 34 of the instructions.)

Table with 5 columns: (A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity; (B) Percentage of ownership interest; (C) Nature of activities; (D) Total income; (E) End-of-year assets.

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 34 of the instructions.)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?
(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Preparer information section including Signature of officer (Danielle Brown), Date (5/14/04), Type or print name and title (Danielle Brown, Executive Director), Preparer's signature (Raffa, P.C.), Date (5/7/04), and EIN (1899 L Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036).



SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

OMB No. 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization

Project on Government Oversight, Inc.

Employer identification number

52: 1739443

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<u>Beth Daley, 666 11th Street, NW</u> <u>Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001</u>	Dir of Comm 40 hrs/wk	65,560.	12,671.	
<u>Eric Miller, 666 11th Street, NW</u> <u>Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001</u>	Sr Def Invest 40 hrs/wk	54,347.	12,031.	
<u>Peter Stockton, 666 11th Street, NW</u> <u>Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001</u>	Sr Invest 40 hrs/wk	50,300.	2,988.	

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<u>None</u>		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

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Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

	Yes	No
During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities: $\$$ _____ $\$$ <u>6,562.</u> (Must equal amounts on line 36, Part VI-A, or line I of Part VI-B.) VI-B, line i	1 X	
Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.		
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? See Part V, Form 990	2d X	
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	X
3 a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)	3a	X
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b X	
4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4	X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only ONE applicable box.)
- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
 - 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
 - 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
 - 8 A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
 - 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 - 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
 - 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
 - 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
 - 12 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
 - 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 5 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.
 Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	410,115.	591,206.	353,229.	436,343.	1,790,893.
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	988.	5,111.	3,375,123.	5,819.	3,387,041.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	20,950.	140,041.	185,896.	31,001.	377,888.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	432,053.	736,358.	3,914,248.	473,163.	5,555,822.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	431,065.	731,247.	539,125.	467,344.	2,168,781.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	4,321.	7,364.	39,142.	4,732.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					26a 43,376.
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					26b 580,756.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)					26c 2,168,781.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 377,888. 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b 580,756.					26d 958,644.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26e 1,210,137.
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					26f 55.7980%
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: N/A					
(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: N/A					
(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____					27c N/A
d Add: Line 27a total					27d N/A
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					27e N/A
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e)					27f N/A
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27g N/A %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27h N/A %
28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.					None

None



Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.) N/A
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves?		
If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			
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32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?		
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?		
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?		
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			
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33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges?		
b	Admissions policies?		
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?		
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?		
e	Educational policies?		
f	Use of facilities?		
g	Athletic programs?		
h	Other extracurricular activities?		
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			
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34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?		
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?		
If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.			
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation		

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Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)
(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	0.
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	6,562.
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)		6,562.
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures		689,868.
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)		696,430.
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table -		
If the amount on line 40 is -		The lobbying nontaxable amount is -	
Not over \$500,000		20% of the amount on line 40	
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	
Over \$17,000,000		\$1,000,000	
41			129,465.
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	32,366.
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	0
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	0

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
45	129,465.				129,465.
46					194,198.
47	6,562.				6,562.
48	32,366.				32,366.
49					48,549.
50					0.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities (For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			(a) Amount
	Yes	No	
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			0.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 12 of the instructions.)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

(i) Cash

(ii) Other assets

b Other transactions:

(i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization

(ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization

(iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets

(iv) Reimbursement arrangements

(v) Loans or loan guarantees

(vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received:

	Yes	No
51a(i)		
a(ii)		
b(i)		X
b(ii)		X
b(iii)		X
b(iv)		X
b(v)		X
b(vi)		X
c		X

N/A

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

52 a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule: N/A

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplementary Information for line 1 of Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF (see instructions)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

Project on Government Oversight, Inc.

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule. (Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check box(es) for both the General Rule and a Special Rule-see instructions.)

General Rule-

[] For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

Special Rules-

[X] For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the amount on line 1 of these forms. (Complete Parts I and II.)

[] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. (Complete Parts I, II, and III.)

[] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the Parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ... \$

Caution: Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they must check the box in the heading of their Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or on line 1 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 and Form 990-EZ

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2003)

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Name of organization

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Part I Contributors (See Specific Instructions.)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4		\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5		\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6		\$ 49,999.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization Project on Government Oversight, Inc.	Employer identification number 52-1739443
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Part I Contributors (See Specific Instructions.)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>7</u>		\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>8</u>		\$ <u>120,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>9</u>		\$ <u>20,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>10</u>		\$ <u>15,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>11</u>		\$ <u>70,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>12</u>		\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)



Name of organization

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Project on Government Oversight, Inc.

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Part I Contributors (See Specific Instructions.)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 20,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part II Noncash Property (See Specific Instructions.)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
6	<u>Publicly traded securities</u>	\$ <u>49,999.</u>	<u>Various</u>
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	



Form 990	Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	1
Description		Amount	
Unrealized gain on investments		30,453.	
Total to Form 990, Part I, line 20		30,453.	

Form 990	Other Expenses			Statement	2
Description	(A) Total	(B) Program Services	(C) Management and General	(D) Fundraising	
Intern stipends	7,097.	6,458.	213.	426	
Insurance	3,260.	2,966.	98.	196	
Research materials	5,849.	5,345.	168.	336	
Web/internet expenses	7,953.	7,237.	239.	477	
Bank and payroll fees	1,956.	1,780.	59.	117	
Development	1,943.			1,943	
Membership professional growth	640.	583.	19.	38.	
Event expenses	3,427.	55.		3,372.	
Total to Fm 990, ln 43	32,125.	24,424.	796.	6,905.	

Form 990	Statement of Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose Part III	Statement	3
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Explanation

POGO investigates, exposes, and seeks to remedy systematic abuses of power, mismanagement, and subservience by the federal government to powerful special interests. Founded in 1981, POGO is a politically independent, not-for-profit watchdog that strives to promote a government that is accountable to the citizenry.

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Form 990	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments	Statement	4
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Description of Program Service One

Nuclear Security Investigations: This project works to expose and remedy mismanagement and security weaknesses at the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons facilities and at the nation's commercial nuclear facilities which are regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

	Grants	Expenses
To Form 990, Part III, line a		186,610.

Form 990	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments	Statement	5
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Description of Program Service Two

Defense Investigations: This project investigates, exposes and educates the public about abuses within the defense budget, the excessive influence wielded by the defense industry over government decision making, and the impact of this influence on maintaining excessive defense budgets.

	Grants	Expenses
To Form 990, Part III, line b		165,846.

Form 990	Other Program Services	Statement	6
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Description	Grants and Allocations	Expenses
Energy and Environment Investigations		20,779.
Government Secrecy Investigations		55,266.
Lobbying		6,562.
Total to Form 990, Part III, line e		82,607.

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Form 990	Non-Government Securities			Statement	7
Security Description	Corporate Stocks	Corporate Bonds	Other Publicly Traded Securities	Other Securities	Total Non-Gov't Securities
Mutual Funds			148,580.		148,580.
Preferred Investor Certificates				718,782.	718,782.
To 990, ln 54 Col B			148,580.	718,782.	867,362.

Project on Government Oversight, Inc.
Form 990, Part II, Line 42 - Depreciation
Form 990, Part IV, Line 57 - Land, Buildings, and Equipment
Year Ended December 31, 2003

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ASSETS

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$ 58,891	\$ 7,017	\$ (10,302)	\$ 55,606
Total	<u>\$ 58,891</u>	<u>\$ 7,017</u>	<u>\$ (10,302)</u>	<u>\$ 55,606</u>

**ACCUMULATED
DEPRECIATION**

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Current Year Depreciation</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$ 35,355	\$ 10,037	\$ (10,302)	\$ 35,090
Total	<u>\$ 35,355</u>	<u>\$ 10,037</u>	<u>\$ (10,302)</u>	<u>\$ 35,090</u>

Note: Furniture and equipment are stated at cost and are depreciated, using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to seven years, with no salvage value. Expenditures for major repairs and improvements are capitalized; expenditures for minor repairs and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred.

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Form 990, Part V - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees (Non-compensated)

Year Ended December 31, 2003

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
David Hunter	Board Chair
Jack Mitchell	Vice Chair
Dina Razor	Treasurer
Ryan Alexander	Board Member
Henry Banta	Board Member
Lisa Baumgartner Bonds	Board Member
David Burnham	Board Member
Mike Cavallo	Board Member
Chuck Hamel	Board Member
Morton Mintz	Board Member
Marjorie Sims	Board Member
Anne Zill	Board Member

All of the individuals listed above are volunteers and are not compensated in their role as board members of Project on Government Oversight, Inc. (POGO). The board members provide less than one hour per week on average to attend board meetings, etc. All of the board members can be reached at the following corporate address of POGO:

666 11th Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20001

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