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About POGO

Our Mission

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to building an effective government that is accountable to the people it serves. Our programs work in tandem to protect and ensure good government at the federal level.

We uncover problems, exposing and reporting on fraud, corruption, abuse of power, and inequities in federal policies, programs, and projects.



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We also work with staff on Capitol Hill, training them on ways Congress can best fulfill its oversight mission to shine a spotlight on these and other problems and work toward accountability and reform.

We craft and advocate for policy changes to increase accountability for wrongdoing and to help prevent fraud, corruption, abuse of power, and inequities, working with policymakers throughout the federal government to build a more effective democracy.

And we build partnerships to help POGO champion these reforms, connecting individuals and organizations across the country to push our leaders to build a government that truly serves the people.

We approach our work in these ways because we know a government that is responsive to the needs of the people helps strengthen our democracy over the long term. Our projects work together to fight for a democracy that is accountable, just, and responsive.

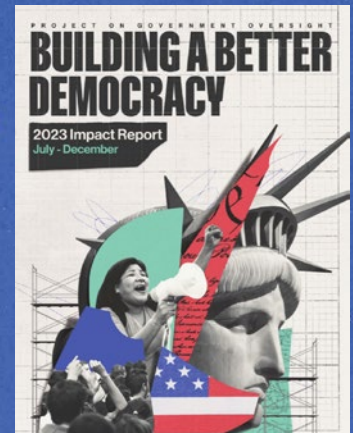
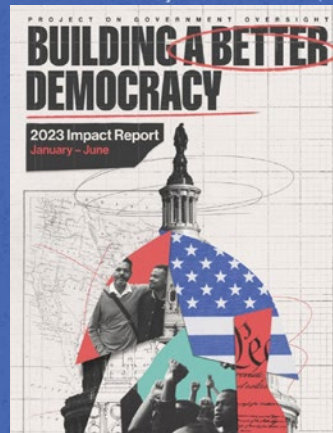
More information on our teams and projects, including the Center for Defense Information, The Constitution Project, Open The Government, our Congressional Oversight Initiative, and more can be found at pogo.org/projects-23.

Top 2023 Accomplishments

- We've trained 567 congressional staff on how to conduct oversight.
- We broke the news that the Department of Homeland Security's watchdog office had spent \$1.17 million taxpayer dollars to settle retaliation claims. The very next day, representatives in Congress began inquiring into the settlement, citing POGO in their statements. Our groundbreaking series of investigations into that watchdog were also cited by members of Congress in pressuring him to resign.
- We provided testimony to Congress on the need for oversight reforms at Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to improve medical monitoring and ensure the humane treatment of the people the agency interacts with. Following our testimony, CBP created a system to better identify, monitor the health and safety, and expedite the release of those in its custody with the highest medical risk.
- We successfully sued the Pentagon to obtain a previously unpublished Air Force report that shows what we've long argued: The F-35 is not a suitable replacement for the A-10.
- We've long spotlighted problems within and worked for greater accountability and transparency from the U.S. Capitol Police, and we saw a significant win in the spring of 2023. In February, we again called on Congress for better oversight of the agency. In April, we published our most recent investigation into Capitol Police dysfunction before the attack on the capitol. In May, the U.S. Capitol Police Inspector General announced the office would begin making its reports publicly available.

FOR MORE ON IMPACT

To read all of our accomplishments from last year, check out our 2023 Impact Reports at:
pogo.org/financials



Financials

Overview

Change in net assets	\$858,567
Net assets at beginning of year ...	\$10,422,388
Net assets at end of year	\$11,280,955

Revenue

Grants	\$4,777,000
Contributions	\$2,740,097
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	\$1,145,796
Interest and dividend income	\$263,198
Other income	\$153,337
Contributed services	\$71,331
Total	\$9,150,759

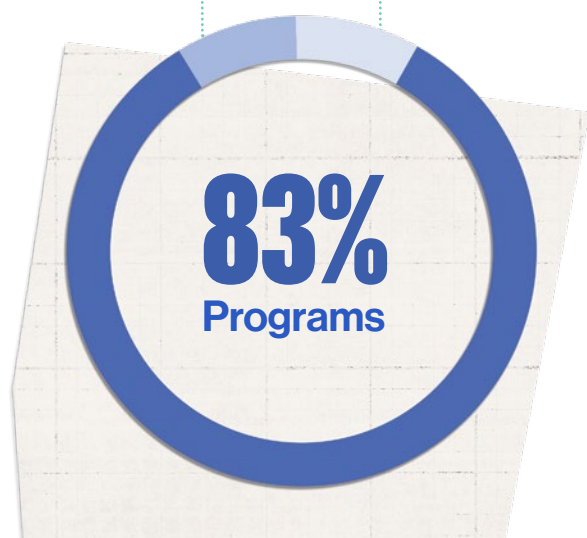
Supporting Services

General & Administrative	\$696,078
Development	\$703,184
Total supporting services	\$1,399,262

Programs

General Program and Policy	\$3,486,781
Center for Defense Information	\$664,821
Civic Engagement	\$416,879
The Constitution Project	\$373,116
Congressional Oversight Initiative	\$356,573
Customs and Border Protection Oversight ...	\$334,437
Racial Equity Project	\$243,760
Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion	\$212,233
Census Project	\$164,754
Transparency in Federal Spending	\$79,784
FOIA Litigation	\$71,614
14 th Amendment	\$65,979
Open the Government	\$60,553
Deaths in Police Custody Project	\$59,063
Lobbying	\$40,866
Total	\$6,631,213

Administrative (8%) Development (9%)



This statement of activities from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, has been audited.

POGO's full, audited financial statements and 990 forms are available at: pogo.org/financials

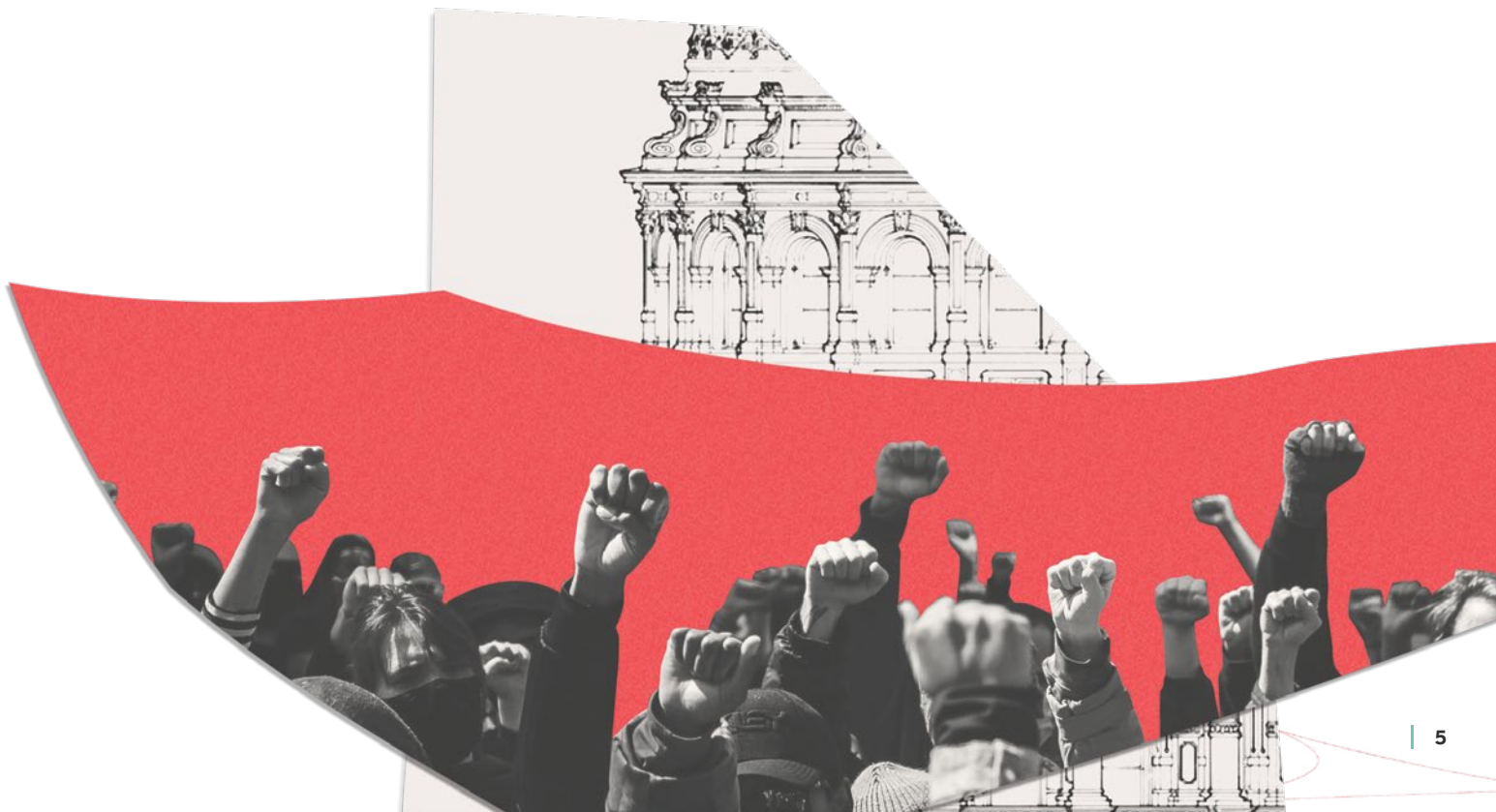
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