

# THE BIG MONEY BEHIND THE FAILED ATTACKS ON WORKERS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Out-of-state billionaires are spending millions of dollars on front groups in the Pacific Northwest to try to destroy unions so they can enact an **extreme, right wing agenda**.

Their goal is to slash wages, healthcare, and pensions while cutting education funding and eroding LGBTQ rights. Their extreme, hateful and divisive agenda has been a failure to this point - but their pockets are deep.

## STATE POLICY NETWORK (SPN)

A nationwide web of dark money front groups with an \$83 million war chest and the self proclaimed goal of **defunding and defanging unions**, they operate think tanks in 49 states that receive funding from national foundations to push an extreme agenda often not supported by voters in those states.

## THE SPN HAS 2 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE:

### FREEDOM FOUNDATION

An anti-worker organization that advocates **against minimum wage increases, paid sick leave, and collective bargaining rights**.

Multiple complaints against them have been filed with federal and state authorities. Currently running an unsuccessful multi-million dollar campaign to badger workers about their union membership.

### WASHINGTON POLICY CENTER (WPC)

Portrays themselves as a legitimate, non-partisan think tank but in reality pushes an extreme agenda to privatize public education, slash retirement benefits for teachers and gut environmental regulations.

**Serves as the policy arm for the Freedom Foundation and other right wing organizations.**

## WHO FUNDS THESE GROUPS?

### \$ THE MURDOCK TRUST

Uses their nearly \$1 billion warchest to give **millions to anti-LGBTQ, anti-choice, and anti-worker groups** including The Alliance Defending Freedom, a hate group that backed North Carolina's anti-transgender "bathroom bill," crisis pregnancy centers, and gay conversion therapy providers. Regularly funds Corban University, a private college that promotes gay conversion therapy while receiving federal aid.

### \$ DONORS TRUST AND DONORS CAPITAL FUND

Enable **anonymous donors to give untold amounts of money to right-wing causes** across the country. Has a combined total of over \$211 million at their disposal. Billionaires like the Koch brothers have use Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund to funnel their millions to groups promoting climate change denial, Islamaphobia, and attacks on unions.

### \$ SARAH SCAIFE FOUNDATION

Based in Pennsylvania, the Sarah Scaife Foundation uses their nearly \$75 million warchest to give to **anti-immigrant and white supremacist organizations** including the Center for Immigration Studies, a known hate group whose leadership has ties to white nationalism and racist groups. Has also given to The Center for Security Policy that was founded by notorious Islamaphobe Frank Gaffney, who helped drafted Trump's Muslim ban.

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