

## Daily Caller Reveals Media Matters' "Opposition Research Team" Assassins And Official Enemies List

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Now keep in mind that Media Matters enjoys a tax-exempt status because it's supposed to not be engaging in any partisan political activities, merely functioning as a non-biased, non-profit media watchdog performin a public service. As you will plainly be able to tell, that just ain't the case, and the Justice Department and the IRS should be on this motley crew like greased lightning.

Excerpted from [The Daily Caller](#):

An internal Media Matters For America memo obtained by The Daily Caller [reveals](#) that the left-wing media watchdog group employs an "opposition research team" to target its political enemies. Included in the [list](#) of targets are right-leaning websites, conservative think tanks, prominent [financiers](#) and donors, and more than a dozen specific Fox NewsChannel and News Corporation employees.

One of those singled out for scrutiny in the memo is PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, a self-described libertarian. Thiel "directly funded, through a small government group, prior racist attack videos by James O'Keefe, the right-wing operative who staged the recent ACORN video sting," [states](#) the memo. "Thiel's role in funding such attacks has gone completely unremarked and largely uninvestigated."

"An opposition research team will serve to hold Thiel and others like him accountable."

In addition to Thiel, the memo contains this list of "preliminary targets":

### **News Corp**

Fox News Channel  
Fox Business Network  
Fox News' websites

### **Conservative news sites**

WorldNetDaily

BigHollywood.com  
NewsMax  
BigGovernment.com

**Conservative think thanks**

The Heritage Foundation  
American Enterprise Institute  
Cato Institute

**News Corp executives**

Rupert Murdoch  
Chase Carey  
David DeVoe  
Lawrence Jacobs  
James Murdoch

**Conservative donors**

Peter Thiel  
Richard Mellon Scaife  
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation  
John M. Olin Foundation  
Koch Family Foundations

**Fox News executives**

CEO Roger Ailes  
Senior vice president Michael Clemente  
Vice president of news Sean Smith  
Vice president of new editorial **product** Jay Wallace  
Fox Business Network executive vice president Kevin Magee

**Fox personalities**

Glenn Beck  
Sean Hannity  
Bill O'Reilly

**Fox senior production and corporation staff**

Hannity executive producer John Finley  
On the Record executive producer Meade Cooper  
O'Reilly Factor senior executive producer David Tabacoff  
Fox & Friends executive producer Lauren Petterson

**Political figures**

Carly Fiorina  
David Vitter  
Eric Cantor  
John Boehner

Mitch McConnell  
Michele Bachmann  
Steve King

“In all likelihood,” the memo concludes, “we will produce volumes of useful data week after week.”