
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JULY 1–SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (Q3)

The Open Society Policy Center supports transparency and is proud of the causes and groups it supports.

The Open Society Policy Center (OSPC) is registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) and regularly reports on its activities as required by the Act. However, very few OSPC staff members meet the legal threshold for reporting their lobbying. Consequently, OSPC has chosen to voluntarily post on a quarterly basis the “lobbying activities” as defined by the LDA of its Washington staff regardless of whether they meet the LDA’s reporting threshold. In other words, the lobbying activities listed below go well beyond the requirements of the LDA by including all the OSPC activities that would have been reported under the LDA if all of the OSPC Washington advocates were “registered lobbyists.”

In addition, OSPC reports on an annual basis all of its grants on IRS Form 990 as required by law. However, there is a substantial lag time before Form 990 information becomes available to the public. Accordingly, OSPC also voluntarily makes this information easily and publicly available below on a quarterly basis.

Domestic Policy

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Supplemental Appropriations Request for FY 2017, provisions related to deportation forces, detention space and border wall

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Civil Rights/Civil Liberties (CIV)

Legislation to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Education (EDU)

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act, pertaining to prevention and intervention services and funding, correctional education and racial disparities in enforcement

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

School discipline, pertaining to civil rights enforcement, data collection, and law enforcement in schools and training/professional development

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, Department of Education

Government Issues (GOV)

Senate consideration of executive branch nominations

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Immigration (IMM)

Legislation on Immigration, including deferred action for childhood arrivals, enforcement policies and temporary protected status

Entity Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (LAW)

S.1917, Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2017, pertaining to mandatory minimum sentences and recidivism reduction.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

1593, Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act, pertaining to the replacement of money bail as a condition of pretrial release.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.1524, Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act, pertaining to unjust conditions for incarcerated women.

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Congressional Black Caucus comprehensive criminal justice reform bill.

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

1610, Walter Scott Act, pertaining to data collection and training for law enforcement

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Criminal Justice Reform Omnibus bill, supporting reforms for sentencing, policing and bail

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

Burma Human Rights Legislation

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Legislation to counter terrorism and improve homeland security

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 394, Supporting International Academic Freedom in Hungary

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives, White House, Department of State

Bill on Foreign Funded Organizations in Hungary (LexNGO)

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives, White House, Department of State

Amendments to the Higher Education Act in Hungary (LexCEU)

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives, Department of State

H.R. 353, Supporting a democratic Hungary and reaffirming the long-standing and mutually-beneficial relationship between the United States and Hungary

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2200, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provision to modify the Child Soldier Prevention Act of 2008

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R.669, Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 732, Stop Settlement Slush Fund Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Bill withholding funds for any U.S. military action against North Korea unless authorized by Congress

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

924, National Security Diversity and Inclusion Workforce Act of 2017

Entity Lobbied: Senate

S.1862, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017, provisions on child soldiers

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

State Department Authorization for FY 2018

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2018, provision dealing with funding for the Lantos Commission

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S.1780, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018, provisions related to security sector assistance, assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia (AEECA), provisions regarding assistance for Egypt and Tunisia

Entity Lobbied: Senate

H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, regarding security sector assistance, civilian casualties

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

S.1519, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018, regarding security sector assistance, civilian casualties

Entity Lobbied: Senate

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: July 1–September 30, 2017 (Q3)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Center for Health and Gender Equity Inc.	to support policy advocacy on the Mexico City Policy	\$75,000	1 year
Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	to support policy advocacy on U.S. financing for global health	\$200,000	16 mos.
Fund for Constitutional Government	to support the Peace and Security Funders Group, a project of the grantee	\$50,000	1 year
Institute for Asian Democracy	to support policy advocacy on Burma-related legislation	\$25,000	1 year
National Security Archive, Inc.	to support a fellowship on human rights	\$100,000	1 year
Poverty and Race Research Action Council	to support policy advocacy on education	\$30,000	2 years
The Advocacy Fund	to support to The Indivisible Project, a project of the grantee	\$350,000	1 year
The Advocacy Fund	to support New Media Ventures Action Fund, a project of the grantee	\$300,000	1 year
The New School	to support the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, a project of the grantee	\$150,000	1 year
United to Protect Democracy	to support policy advocacy on preventing abuses of power in the U.S.	\$150,000	1 year