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## LINCOLN PROJECT FOUNDERS HAVE TAX PROBLEMS

*Two of the people behind the anti-Trump PAC have six-figure debts with the IRS.*

The Lincoln Project, an anti-Trump political action committee, has been making headlines for churning out viral videos that question the president's fitness for office.

The PAC, founded by a group of Republican political operatives who oppose Donald Trump's reelection, have brought in more than \$19.4 million, according to Federal Election Commission filings.

But as the *New York Post* reported, two of the Lincoln Project's founders have been in debt to the IRS.

John Weaver, a former strategist for former Ohio Republican Gov. John Kasich, has a \$313,655 federal tax lien against his Texas home.

Rick Wilson, a former George W. Bush campaign aide, has a \$389,420 federal tax lien against his Florida home.

## MAN SENTENCED IN NEW YORK TAX EVASION CASE

A New York man was sentenced to 12 months of home confinement and ordered to pay \$243,387 in restitution to the IRS after being convicted of tax evasion.

According to court records, Mark E. Wolanyk, 62, of Clarence Center, New York, made business deposits into a

bank account in the name of his minor son. From October 2010 through December 2013, Wolanyk deposited approximately

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\$258,911.49 and withdrew approximately \$260,875.

Wolanyk filed a false tax return for 2013 claiming \$77,477 in gross income and \$56,491.58 in total income. This was incorrect. In addition, he had previously filed a tax return for 2013 claiming a loss of \$1,500.

## CAROLINA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS

A North Carolina woman pleaded guilty to conspiracy to prepare and file false tax returns.

According to court documents, Priscilla Evans, 65, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, conspired with others to file false tax returns for clients of Community Tax Services.

Evans and her co-conspirators filed tax returns that claimed false education credits, among other illegitimate items, in order to fraudulently generate clients' tax refunds.

According to the IRS, the three-year scam resulted in a loss of more than \$2 million.

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## FORMER COMPTROLLER FOR DIOCESE PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CRIMES

*He also embezzled money from the Diocese while failing to make the required tax payments.*

The former comptroller of the Catholic Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, pleaded guilty to failing to pay the IRS payroll taxes withheld from the paychecks of diocesan employees, filing false tax returns, and embezzling \$299,500 in diocesan funds between 2008 and 2017.

According to court documents, from 2004 through 2016, David A. Franklin, 67, caused payroll taxes to be withheld from employee paychecks for the Diocese of Steubenville and the Office of Social Ministry, but did not pay the withheld funds over to the IRS. From 2013 through 2016, Franklin did the same thing to employee paychecks for the Mount Calvary Cemetery Association.

As a result, the Diocese had to pay and did pay the IRS \$2.78 million in withheld payroll taxes and the employer

portion of the employment taxes that Franklin had caused not to be paid over.

"While he was failing to truthfully account for and pay over payroll taxes, Franklin also embezzled \$299,500 from the diocesan entities by preparing fraudulent checks to be issued to himself," U.S. Attorney David M. DeVillers said in a statement. "For four tax years, Franklin also filed false personal income tax returns, causing tax loss of \$33,672.25."

The plea agreement requires Franklin to pay \$299,500 in restitution to the Diocese for the embezzlement. The court could also order restitution for the Diocese's tax loss and penalties.

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**THREE MEN  
CHARGED  
IN REFUND  
CONSPIRACY**

*They succeeded in getting a refund of more than \$1 mil.*

Three Ohio men were indicted for a conspiracy to submit false tax refunds for fictitious businesses.

Brandon R. Mace, 43, of Youngstown; Terris Chanley Baker, 49, of Canton; and Robert J. Rohrbaugh II, 46, of Youngstown were charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting theft of government property, aiding and abetting false claims against the United States and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

From March 2015 to April 2016, the men conspired to submit fraudulent federal income tax returns in the names of various fictitious entities to the IRS in order to obtain tax refunds for the enrichment of themselves and others.

On one occasion, the men were successful in obtaining a refund check for a fictitious business in the amount of more than \$1.35 million.

After obtaining the refund, the men attempted to launder the money by purchasing high-end vehicles.

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# MAN FAILED TO DECLARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

An Upstate New York man allegedly did not declare hundreds of thousands of dollars on his tax returns.

Glen Zinszer, 50, of Liverpool, New York, was charged with filing false federal tax returns and failing to file a tax return when he was required to do so.

According to court records, Zinszer failed to report as income on his tax returns hundreds of thousands of dollars that he withdrew from a company called Brazzlebox that he was operating in Syracuse, New York. He faces up to three years in prison, a fine of up to \$100,000, and supervised release for each count.



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