Tracking 30 Investigations Related to Trump

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Federal, state and congressional authorities are scrutinizing many aspects of Donald J. Trump's life through investigations related to his businesses, campaign, inauguration and presidency. We'll be tracking them here. According to reporting by The New York Times, there are currently at least:

12

Congressional Investigations

10

Federal Criminal Investigations

8

State and Local Investigations

Speaker Nancy Pelosi <u>announced</u> that the House would begin a formal impeachment inquiry of President Trump, saying that he had betrayed his oath of office and the nation's security in seeking to enlist a foreign power for his own political gain. Ms. Pelosi said she had directed the chairmen of the six committees that have been investigating Mr. Trump to "proceed under that umbrella of impeachment inquiry."

Congressional Investigations

In the months since Democrats took control of the House, several committees have opened inquiries that could turn up politically damaging or embarrassing material or lead to impeachment proceedings. **Select an investigation to see more.**

1.

Possible abuse of power by using foreign policy for political ends

House Foreign Affairs, Intelligence and Oversight Committees

The committees <u>opened an investigation</u> in early September after the White House delayed a package of military assistance to Ukraine, which is fighting a war with Russian-backed separatists. The delay, which was later lifted amid bipartisan pressure from lawmakers, came on top of concerns about <u>efforts by Mr. Trump's personal lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani</u> to press the Ukrainian government to pursue investigations into two matters that date from the previous government and could be politically beneficial to Mr. Trump.

2.

Potential foreign influence over Trump and possible attempts to obstruct justice

House Intelligence Committee

business

campaign

inauguration

presidency

As part of its investigation, which also includes possible attempts to obstruct its investigation of Russian election interference and ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, the House Intelligence Committee is seeking to study **Trump Organization** business transactions related to Russia and other foreign interests.

On May 14, The Times reported that the committee is also looking into whether lawyers tied to Mr. Trump and his family helped edit false testimony that **Mr. Cohen** provided to Congress about a Trump Tower project in Moscow, and then dangled a potential pardon to try to ensure his loyalty.

3.

Possible role of Trump and others in concealing hush money payments

House Oversight and Reform Committee

business

campaign

presidency

The House Oversight and Reform Committee is looking into **Mr. Trump**'s involvement in the hush money payments to **Stormy Daniels**, and has indicated it will pursue other **Trump Organization** executives, including the president's eldest son, **Donald Trump Jr.**, who appear to have had knowledge of the arrangement.

4.

Possible obstruction of justice and abuse of power by Trump and his administration

House Judiciary Committee

business

campaign

inauguration

presidency

As part of a broad inquiry, the House Judiciary Committee is examining possible obstruction by **Mr. Trump** of the special counsel and congressional investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 election. The committee is also looking into accusations of corruption, including possible violations of campaign finance law, the Constitution's ban on foreign emoluments and the use of public office for personal gain. In March, the committee's Democratic chairman, **Representative Jerrold Nadler** of New York, requested documents from 81 agencies, individuals and other entities tied to the president. On July 11, the committee approved a dozen new subpoens targeting a who's who of witnesses cited in the Mueller report.

5.

Possible abuses of the White House security clearance process

House Oversight and Reform Committee

The committee is examining <u>possible abuses</u> by the White House in granting topsecret clearances to officials whose applications had been denied. Two of these officials were **Jared Kushner** and **Ivanka Trump**, the president's son-in-law and eldest daughter.

6.

Whether Trump misrepresented his net worth

House Oversight and Reform Committee

Following Mr. Cohen's testimony that **Mr. Trump** knowingly misstated his assets to banks, the committee subpoenaed records from **Mazars USA**, an accounting firm that had prepared Mr. Trump's tax returns for many years. Mr. Trump <u>filed a lawsuit</u> to prevent Mazars from responding to a subpoena. A Federal District Court judge ruled on May 20 that the accounting firm must turn over Mr. Trump's financial records to Congress. Mr. Trump's legal team is expected to appeal the ruling.

7.

Alleged use of private messaging by White House officials

House Oversight and Reform Committee

8.

Trump's tax returns

House Ways and Means Committee

The committee is seeking six years of **Mr. Trump**'s personal and business tax

returns. Technically, the request was made as part of a committee investigation into the I.R.S.'s practice of conducting mandatory audits of presidents, but the president's allies say the committee's real goal is to get the returns. (Mr. Trump is the first president in four decades to not publicly release his tax returns.) The Treasury Department said on May 6 that it would not release the returns voluntarily, and the committee <u>issued a subpoena</u>, setting up a legal battle that is likely to be resolved by the Supreme Court. The House <u>filed a lawsuit</u> on July 2 to force the Treasury Department to turn over the tax returns.

9.

Trump's communications with Putin

House Intelligence, Foreign Affairs and Oversight and Reform Committees

The chairmen of the House Intelligence, Foreign Affairs and Oversight and Reform Committees <u>requested all documentation</u> related to meetings, telephone calls and other communication between **Mr. Trump** and President **Vladimir V. Putin** of Russia. The White House is unlikely to hand over these materials.

10.

Possible money laundering

House Intelligence and Financial Services Committees

Two congressional committees issued subpoenas to Deutsche Bank, the president's primary lender over the last two decades, and Capital One, where Mr. Trump keeps some of his money. The subpoenas sought decades of personal and corporate financial records, including any documents related to possible suspicious activities detected in Mr. Trump's personal and business accounts. Mr. Trump, his company and his three eldest children — Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka — filed a lawsuit on April 29 to block Deutsche Bank and Capital One from complying with the subpoenas. On May 22, a federal judge in Manhattan <u>ruled against</u> the president's request.

11.

Russian interference in the 2016 election

Senate Intelligence Committee

After two years of investigation, the Republican-led Senate Intelligence Committee is in the final stages of ironing out testimony and drawing up conclusions for eventual release. As a part of that process, the panel has called back several witnesses central to the investigation who previously were questioned only by members of the committee's staff. It recently subpoenaed **Donald Trump Jr.**, the president's eldest son, who was at the center of the now-famous meeting with a Kremlin-connected Russian lawyer at Trump Tower in June 2016. On May 14, Donald Trump Jr. and the committee reached a deal for Mr. Trump to sit for a private interview in June.

12.

Proposed U.S. nuclear venture in Saudi Arabia

House Oversight and Reform Committee

House Democrats are examining allegations that the Trump administration has pushed a plan to build nuclear power plants throughout Saudi Arabia — a venture that could enrich Trump allies — over the vigorous objections of White House lawyers. "Further investigation is needed to determine whether the actions being pursued by the Trump administration are in the national security interest of the United States or, rather, serve those who stand to gain financially as a result of this potential change in U.S. foreign policy," committee staff wrote in February. In July, Democrats released a report alleging that Thomas J. Barrack Jr., a close friend of the president and a top donor to his 2016 campaign, sought a powerful position in the Trump administration at the same time he was pursuing the Saudi nuclear deal.

Federal Criminal Investigations

Federal prosecutors are pursuing more than a dozen criminal investigations that <u>grew</u> <u>out of the work</u> of Robert S. Mueller III, the special counsel. These are the ones we know about.

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13.

Trump inaugural committee donations and spending

Southern District of New York

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan are investigating whether Mr. Trump's inaugural committee filed false reports with the Federal Election Commission and <u>received illegal donations</u> from foreign nationals. The investigation partly grew out of a recording that F.B.I. agents seized when they raided the office, home and hotel room of **Michael D. Cohen**, Mr. Trump's longtime personal laywer and fixer. On the recording, Mr. Cohen is heard discussing potential irregularities with **Stephanie Winston Wolkoff**, one of the main contractors for the inauguration.

14.

Trump inaugural committee donations / committee chairman's ties to Middle East

Eastern District of New York

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn have also raised questions about donations to the Trump inaugural committee, which was led by **Thomas J. Barrack**, a longtime

friend of Mr. Trump. They have been examining Mr. Barrack's ties to the Middle East, among other matters. 15. Business and political dealings of top fund-raiser for Trump's campaign and inauguration Justice Department's public integrity section associate campaign inauguration presidency The Justice Department is investigating the <u>business and political dealings</u> of **Elliott Broidy**, a top fund-raiser for Mr. Trump's campaign and inauguration, who tried to use his access to the Trump team to boost his businesses. Federal investigators in Los Angeles have also taken part in the inquiry and have raised questions about the inauguration. trump cohen trump jr. weisselberg 16. Possible role of Trump and others in concealing hush money payments Southern District of New York business campaign presidency

Federal prosecutors signaled in <u>a court document</u> released on July 18 that it was unlikely they would file additional charges in the hush-money investigation, which centered on payments made during the 2016 presidential campaign to buy the silence of two women who said they had had affairs with Mr. Trump.

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giuliani

costello?

17.

Whether Trump's lawyers offered presidential pardon to Cohen

Southern District of New York

Based on information that **Mr. Cohen** provided in the hope that it would reduce his prison sentence, prosecutors in Manhattan have examined whether **Mr. Trump**'s lawyers considered offering Mr. Cohen a presidential pardon to prevent him from revealing damaging information about Mr. Trump.

18.

Allegations of inflated insurance claims

Southern District of New York

Prosecutors in Manhattan have also examined **Mr. Cohen**'s allegations that the **Trump Organization** inflated insurance claims several years ago.

19.

Pending prosecution of Roger J. Stone Jr.

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

Federal prosecutors in Washington are handling the prosecution of **Roger J. Stone Jr.**, a longtime Trump political adviser, who was indicted on charges of lying to Congress about his <u>efforts to contact WikiLeaks</u> during the 2016 campaign.

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vin-weber

manafort?

20.

Possible lobbying violations by firms recruited by former Trump campaign chairman

Southern District of New York

Federal prosecutors in Manhattan are looking into <u>possible foreign lobbying</u> <u>violations</u> by **two lobbying firms** recruited by **Paul Manafort**, Mr. Trump's former campaign chairman.

21.

Pending prosecution of former Manafort associate

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

Federal prosecutors in Washington charged **Gregory B. Craig**, a former White House counsel in the Obama administration, with <u>lying to the Justice Department</u> about work he did for the government of Ukraine that was steered to him by **Mr. Manafort**.

22.

Bank officer who sought Trump administration job

Southern District of New York

The chairman of a Chicago bank has been <u>indicted</u> in Manhattan on charges that he issued millions of dollars in loans to Mr. Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, in an effort to obtain a high-level position in the Trump administration.

State and Local Investigations

Authorities in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., are also examining Mr. Trump, his businesses and associates through various — mostly civil — investigations.

23.

Trump Organization insurance practices

New York Department of Financial Services

New York State regulators have issued an expansive subpoena to the **Trump Organization**'s longtime insurance broker as part of an <u>investigation into insurance policies</u> and claims involving Mr. Trump's family business.

24.

Contributions to Trump inaugural committee

New Jersey attorney general

25.

Role of Trump's children and businesses in Trump's inauguration

District of Columbia attorney general

The attorney general's office for the District of Columbia requested documents identifying what role the president's three eldest children — **Donald Trump Jr.**, **Ivanka Trump** and **Eric Trump** — <u>played on the inaugural committee</u> as well as payments to the **Trump International Hotel** and the **Trump Organization**.

26.

Pending criminal prosecution of Manafort on state mortgage fraud charges

Manhattan district attorney

The Manhattan district attorney's office has charged **Mr. Manafort** with mortgage fraud and more than a dozen other state felonies in an effort to ensure that he will still face prison time if Mr. Trump pardons him for his federal crimes. The state charges are included in a 16-count indictment alleging that he falsified business records to obtain millions of dollars in loans.

27.

Allegations of misused charitable assets, self-dealing and campaign finance violations by the Trump Foundation

New York attorney general

A lawsuit filed by the New York attorney general's office accuses the **Donald J. Trump Foundation** and the **Trump family** of <u>sweeping violations</u> of campaign finance laws, self-dealing and illegal coordination with the presidential campaign. It seeks to force **Mr. Trump**, **Eric Trump**, **Donald Trump Jr.** and **Ivanka Trump** to pay millions in restitution and penalties, and to bar them from serving on the boards of New York charities. In December, the foundation agreed to dissolve and to give away its remaining assets under court supervision as part of the attorney general's investigation and lawsuit.

28.

Allegations that the Trump Organization inflated financial assets

New York attorney general

The New York attorney general's office opened an investigation into four major **Trump Organization** projects and a failed effort to buy the Buffalo Bills. The move came after **Mr. Cohen** gave congressional testimony that **Mr. Trump** <u>inflated his assets</u> in financial statements.

29.

Trump family's tax schemes

New York attorney general

The New York attorney general's office is examining issues raised in a 2018 New York Times investigation that showed how Mr. Trump participated in dubious tax schemes during the 1990s, including instances of outright fraud, that greatly increased the fortune he received from his parents.

30.

Whether Trump and his family underpaid taxes

New York City

New York City officials are examining whether **Mr. Trump** and **his family** underpaid taxes on his father's real estate empire over several decades. The inquiries will explore whether civil penalties and bills for back taxes are warranted. City officials said interest and penalties of up to 25 percent could be added to any unpaid taxes.

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