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Online Resources for Researching Individuals & Organizations

Below is a list of resources and websites that could be helpful in researching individuals and organizations, including front groups, allies, lobbyists, politicians, and others associated with or supported by the tobacco industry.

Legacy Tobacco Documents Library: http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu/

This online library provides access to an extensive collection of tobacco industry documents from a variety of companies. Through this website, users can also contact library staff and researchers via chat or email to ask specific questions or request help at any stage of the research process. Access the Tobacco Documents Bibliography here, as a starting point for research topic formation.

SourceWatch: www.sourcewatch.org

This online resource is operated by the Center for Media and Democracy and allows users to edit and create articles. SourceWatch is designed to profile the activities of front groups, PR spinners, experts, industry-funded organizations and think tanks.

Follow the Money: www.followthemoney.org

Operated by the National Institute on Money in State Politics, this site provides information about the influence of campaign money on state-level elections and public policy in all 50 states. Specifically, the site allows a user to search for a particular individual or organization and view the contributions made.

Center for Responsive Politics: www.opensecrets.org

This site tracks money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy. It allows users to access financial data related to organizations, and individuals, including lobbyists and politicians.

Guidestar: www.guidestar.org

Guidestar provides information about nonprofit organizations, including financial data and organization structure and statistics.

Influence Explorer: http://influenceexplorer.com/

This resource allows users to search for a company or organization and provides campaign contributions, PAC contributions, information on the lobbying firms and lobbyists hired, bills lobbied for or against, and all submissions to regulatory dockets.

Maplight: http://maplight.org/

This website provides data highlighting the connection between campaign donations and legislative votes. Specifically, it provides data on contributions from companies and individuals for bills in the U.S. Congress, California, and Wisconsin. It also profiles congresspersons and campaign financing received.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR): www.no-smoke.org

This site provides current and archived tobacco legislation information from across the U.S. In addition, it has a section devoted to analyzing tobacco front-groups and allies, which can be accessed here: http://www.no-smoke.org/getthefacts.php?dp=d21|d23.

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