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| Interaction Number: 28197 |   |
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| Initiation Date*:         | 2025-05-04  |
| Title*:                   | Contact OGE - President profiting off the presidency?   |
| Question*:                | <p>Will there be an investigation into the president's cryptocurrency token, called \$TRUMP? In a two-day span last month, Trump and his allies made nearly \$900,000 in trading fees from that token, according to blockchain data company Chainalysis. The spike followed an announcement on the coin's official website that the top 220 holders of the token were promised dinner with the president.</p> <p>Not to mention that the Trump Organization and Eric Trump is in Dubai selling crypto and luxury property, just weeks before his father's highly anticipated trip to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE.</p> <p>The Trump Organization is also planning real estate developments in Riyadh, Jeddah, Oman, and Abu Dhabi, and Reuters reported it's in talks with developer Qatari Diar for a golf course and villa project in Qatar.</p> <p>The fuzzy line between business and politics is exemplified in the loosely regulated crypto industry: Eric and his brother Donald Trump Jr. manage the family's stake in World Liberty Financial, a firm co-founded by Zach Witkoff — son of the US president's envoy to the Middle East, Steve Witkoff. Abu Dhabi-based DWF Labs disclosed a \$25 million purchase of tokens tied to World Liberty this month, becoming one of its biggest holders.</p> <p>Aren't these impeachable offenses? Trump did not fully divest from his businesses while serving as president, which led to numerous conflicts of interest and accusations of corruption. He transferred control of his business empire to his sons but maintained ownership, which critics argued did not adequately separate his business interests from his presidential duties. My limited knowledge of the Emoluments Clause prohibits federal officeholders from receiving any gift, payment, or other thing of value from a foreign state or its rulers, officers, or representatives.</p> <p>Sincerely:</p> <p>(b)(6) public citizen</p> |

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| <b>Update:</b>                 |                              |
| <b>Categories*:</b>            | Other                        |
| <b>Origin Of Interaction*:</b> | Email                        |
| <b>Source*:</b>                | Non-Agency<br>Public Citizen |
| <b>First Name:</b>             | (b)(6)                       |
| <b>Last Name:</b>              | (b)(6)                       |
| <b>Title:</b>                  |                              |
| <b>Position:</b>               |                              |
| <b>Email:</b>                  | (b)(6)                       |
| <b>Phone:</b>                  |                              |
| <b>Other Contact Notes:</b>    |                              |
| <b>Assignment:</b>             | (b)(6) OGE staff             |
| <b>Watching:</b>               |                              |
| <b>Temporary Notes:</b>        |                              |
| <i>created by:</i>             | (b)(6) OGE staff             |

| Resolution Information       |   |
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| <b>Resolution Date*:</b>     | 2025-05-05  |
| <b>Resolution Category*:</b> | Resolved  |
| <b>Response*:</b>            | <p>Dear (b)(6) public cit:</p> <p>Thank you for your email to the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE). Unfortunately, OGE is unable to provide you with direct assistance as the issue described in your email falls outside our jurisdiction. OGE is permitted to take actions only where there is a law that authorizes it.</p> <p>Most of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch do not apply to a President or Vice President. Since 1983, however, when OGE issued Legal Advisory 83x16, OGE has consistently held that a President should conduct himself "as if" he or she was bound by the same criminal statutes and standards of conduct applicable to executive branch employees.</p> <p>A President is also bound by certain provisions of the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act (STOCK Act). For instance, the STOCK Act bars the President from using nonpublic information for private profit; engaging in insider trading; participating in an initial public offering; intentionally influencing an employment decision or practice of a private entity solely on the basis of partisan political affiliation; and participating in a particular matter directly and predictably affecting the financial interests of any person with whom he has, or is negotiating for, an agreement of future employment or compensation. In addition, OGE is authorized to review the President's annual, periodic transaction, and termination financial disclosure reports.</p> <p>The primary authority to oversee the President's ethics rests with Congress, and, ultimately, with the American people.</p> |

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** "(b)(6) public citizen"  
**Subject:** RE: President profiting off the presidency?  
**Date:** Monday, May 5, 2025 11:04:04 AM

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: President profiting off the presidency?

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