



FACT SHEET

Estate Tax Savings of Bush Administration Officials and Executives of Several Troubled Companies

The effort to make permanent the repeal of the estate tax would enrich a small group of wealthy Americans, while worsening the existing federal budget deficit. Among the beneficiaries of a permanent repeal are members of President Bush's cabinet, former officers of Enron, and key executives of several other troubled companies. This small group of wealthy individuals would receive over \$1.9 billion in potential tax savings.

The estimated tax savings are based on 2002 estate tax rates. In the case of Bush Administration officials, this analysis is based on a review of financial disclosure forms filed with the Office of Government Ethics. In the case of the corporate executives, this analysis is based on the best publicly available data, which in most instances consists of recent company stock sales. The source for each estimate is provided in the tables.

Table 1: Bush Administration Cabinet¹

NAME	ESTIMATED ASSETS	ESTIMATED ESTATE TAX SAVINGS
President Bush	\$11 - \$22 million	\$5 - \$10 million
Vice President Cheney	\$19 - \$82 million	\$9 - \$40 million
Secretary Donald Rumsfeld	\$61 - \$243 million	\$30 - \$120 million
Secretary Paul O'Neill	\$63 - \$103 million	\$31 - \$51 million
Other Cabinet Members	\$69 - \$248 million	\$23 - \$111 million
<i>Total for Bush Cabinet</i>	<i>\$223 - \$698 million</i>	<i>\$98 - \$332 million</i>

Table 2: Enron Executives and Directors

NAME	ESTIMATED ASSETS	ESTIMATED ESTATE TAX SAVINGS
Kenneth Lay ²	\$119 million	\$59 million
Jeffrey Skilling ³	\$112 million	\$55 million
Andrew Fastow ⁴	\$49 million	\$24 million
Thomas White ⁵	\$44 million	\$21 million
Other Enron Executives	\$518 million	\$230 million
Total for Enron Executives⁶	\$842 million	\$389 million

Table 3: Current/Former Heads of Several Troubled Companies⁷

NAME (COMPANY)	ESTIMATED ASSETS	ESTIMATED ESTATE TAX SAVINGS
Gary Winnick (Global Crossing) ⁸	\$734 million	\$366 million
Martha Stewart (Martha Stewart Living) ⁹	\$650 million	\$324 million
Bernard Ebbers (WorldCom) ¹⁰	\$510 million	\$254 million
Dennis Kozlowski (Tyco) ¹¹	\$300 million	\$149 million
Joseph Nacchio (Qwest) ¹²	\$300 million	\$149 million
Charles Watson (Dynege) ¹³	\$112 million	\$55 million
Samuel Waksal (ImClone) ¹⁴	\$110 million	\$54 million
John Rigas (Adelphia) ¹⁵	\$100 million	\$49 million
Michael Saylor (MicroStrategy) ¹⁶	\$54 million	\$26 million
Richard McGinn (Lucent) ¹⁷	\$25 million	\$12 million
Total for Ten Company Executives	\$2.9 billion	\$1.4 billion

1. This information is based on an analysis of 2001 financial disclosure forms filed with the Office of Government Ethics.
2. *Enron Execs Sold \$1.3B in Stock*, CNN.com (Jan. 22, 2002). This figure represents profits from Enron stock sales since Oct. 1998. It does not include executive compensation, holdings in other companies, real estate holdings, or capital gains due from stock sales.
3. *Id.*

4. *Id.* This figure includes \$30 million in compensation that Mr. Fastow received for his role in managing off-balance-sheet partnerships. *Enron Adds Up 4 Years of Errors*, Houston Chronicle (Nov. 9, 2001).
5. This information is based on Secretary White's 2001 financial disclosure form filed with the Office of Government Ethics and subsequent correspondence in which he detailed his sale of Enron stock since joining the Administration. This figure includes \$14 million in payments to Mr. White when he left Enron in May 2001 and his 2000 salary of \$5.5 million.
6. *The Fall of Enron*, CNN Transcript (Jan. 22, 2002). This figure represents combined profits for 36 senior executives and directors from Enron stock sales since Oct. 1998.
7. These estimates do not include executive compensation, holdings in other companies, real estate holdings, capital gains due from stock sales.
8. *Global Crossing Head Shows Passion for Making Money, Bending Rules*, Associated Press (Mar. 4, 2002).
9. *Dark Side of Martha Stewart*, New York Daily News (Apr. 7, 2002).
10. *Happily Ebbers After*, New York Post (July 23, 2002).
11. *A Prime Example of Anything-Goes Executive Pay*, New York Times (June 4, 2002).
12. *High Profiles in Hot Water*, Wall Street Journal (June 28, 2002).
13. This estimate is based on total shares held by Mr. Watson in recent SEC filings.
14. This estimate is based on an analysis of recent stock sales by Mr. Waksal.
15. This estimate is based on an analysis of recent stock sales by Mr. Rigas.
16. This estimate is based on total shares held by Mr. Saylor in recent SEC filings.
17. This estimate is based on total shares held by Mr. McGinn in recent SEC filings.