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A number of feature articles and TV documentaries have exposed the **insider deals, tax exemptions and liability waivers** that politicians create for themselves at the expense of taxpayers and ethics.

Are our elected officials supposed to be giving themselves a hall-pass on morality? Why don't the rules, that apply to everyone else, also apply to them? Why does Congress get a special waiver to **engage in insider trading on lithium batteries, electric cars, Boeing stock and other deeply taxpayer funded efforts**. Let's explore...

Todd

This **60 Minutes** piece, on one small part of the problem, provides an overview:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=127ITuTRPqs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZp76ut0ntI>

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[No Washington Exemption Petition: Equal Treatment for All](#)

There should be no special treatment for Washington; indeed, as long as Congress and the President continue to implement the Affordable Care Act, they ...

www.nowashingtonexemption.org - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[The Vail Spot: Congress' Exempt Itself from Laws...](#)

May 27, 2011 ... While Politicians hold their political positions in the safe confines of the ... Congress shall not exempt itself from any laws of the United States of ...

[thevailspot.blogspot.com/ 2011/ 05/ congress-exempt-itself-from-laws.html](http://thevailspot.blogspot.com/2011/05/congress-exempt-itself-from-laws.html) - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Proposed 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution ...](#)

The latest is to exempt themselves from the Healthcare Reform that is being ... " Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that ...

[www.petition2congress.com/ 3093/ proposed-28th-amendment-to-united-states-constitution/](http://www.petition2congress.com/3093/proposed-28th-amendment-to-united-states-constitution/) - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Tell Congress: "Live By Your Laws!" - Breitbart](#)

Nov 8, 2013 ... Until 1995, Congress exempted itself from compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the civil rights laws of the 1960s, and ...

[www.breitbart.com/ Big-Government/ 2013/ 11/ 08/ Tell-Congress-Live-By-Your-Laws](http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/11/08/Tell-Congress-Live-By-Your-Laws) - [View by kquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Ohio politicians exempt themselves from petition prohibition ...](#)

Sep 24, 2013 ... What is it about politicians that they think they can pass laws for the ... General Assembly exempted themselves, and all other candidates, from ...

www.watchdog.org/107335/ohio-politicians-exempt-themselves-from-petition-prohibition/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Senator Ron Johnson Sues to Overturn Congress' ObamaCare ...](#)

Jan 7, 2014 ... "This was the confidence-building covenant supporters of the law made ... when members of Congress exempt themselves from the very laws ...

www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/health-care/item/17339-senator-ron-johnson-sues-to-overturn-congress-obamacare-exempti on - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Political Speech & Non Profit Tax Issues | American Center for Law ...](#)

Whether it is in the context of restrictions on political speech during elections or ... The Supreme Court also noted in upholding tax exemptions for churches:.

www.aclj.org/churches-organizations-/political-speech-non-profit-tax-issues - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress: Trading stock on inside information? - CBS News](#)

If you are a member of Congress, those laws are deemed not to apply. ... have long been considered exempt from insider trading laws, even though they have ...

www.cbsnews.com/news/congress-trading-stock-on-inside-information/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress Quickly And Quietly Rolls Back Insider Trading Rules For ...](#)

Apr 16, 2013 ... According to the postings at the other site, Congress exempted a lot of did NOT exempt themselves from the provisions of the STOCK law.

www.techdirt.com/articles/20130416/08344222725/congress-quickly-quietly-rolls-back-insider-trading-rules-itself.shtml - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congressional Insider Trading Revisited \(But Don't Tell Anyone ...](#)

May 9, 2013 ... Congress just made a law it never liked very difficult to enforce. ... Also exempted from online disclosure are all congressional staffers. This is ...

www.rollcall.com/news/congressional_insider_trading_revisited_but_dont_tell_anyone_commentary-224674-1.html - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Do As We Say, Congress Says, Before Doing What It Wants - Truthdig](#)

Jan 31, 2013 ... Did you know Congress is exempt from portions of a number of federal laws, including provisions that protect workers in the private sector but ...

https://www.truthdig.com/report/item/do_as_we_say_congress_says_before_doing_what_it_wants_20130131 - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress Isn't Supposed to Be Above the Law: Stephen L. Carter ...](#)

Dec 7, 2011 ... It has become all too easy for members of Congress to grant themselves special privileges, among them exemption from many complex laws ...

www.bloombergview.com/articles/2011-12-08/congress-isn-t-supposed-to-be-above-the-law-commentary-by-stephen-car-ter - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[How did politicians get exempted from Idaho's weapons law?](#)

Nov 21, 2013 ... There's been a good deal of commentary questioning why Idaho exempts more than 3,000 elected officials from the rigors of the state's ...

blogs.idahostatesman.com/patterson-postscript-how-did-idaho-elected-officials-get-exempted-from-weapons-law/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[EDITORIAL: One law for us, another for you - Washington Times](#)

Jun 6, 2011 ... The California state Senate voted 28-8 Wednesday to exempt itself from the ... This is just one of many bills Golden State politicians used this ...

www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/jun/6/one-law-for-us-another-for-you/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Do As We Say, Congress Says, Then Does What It Wants - ProPublica](#)

Jan 31, 2013 ... But Congress is still exempt from portions of a number of federal laws, including provisions that protect workers in the private sector but don't ...

www.propublica.org/article/do-as-we-say-congress-says-then-does-what-it-wants - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Gerald Skoning: How Congress Puts Itself Above the Law - WSJ](#)

Apr 15, 2013 ... In The Wall Street Journal, Gerald Skoning says that the only way to finally end the sorry tradition of congressional exemptions from some laws ...

online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887324504704578413182814140480 - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress Exempt from Obamacare: The Latest Lie That Won't Die ...](#)

Aug 13, 2013 ... Then they said the law would cover undocumented. ... Obama gave Congress a special exemption, so that lawmakers and their staff members ...

www.newrepublic.com/article/114284/congress-exempt-obamacare-latest-lie-wont-die - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Lawmaker Loopholes? - FactCheck.org](#)

Jan 29, 2010 ... Q: Is Congress exempt from "many" laws including one against sexual ... A: No. The latest e-mail rant against Congress — proposing a "28th ...

www.factcheck.org/2010/01/lawmaker-loopholes/ - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[2nd Amendment for Some: Feinstein's Gun Control Bill Exempts ...](#)

Hypo-crazy: the rule of political hypocrites. ... "[T]he bill includes a number of exemptions: It exempts more than 2,200 hunting and sporting weapons; any gun ...

[www.ijreview.com/ 2013/ 01/ 32661-feinstein-gun-control-bill-to-exempt-government-officials/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Is Congress exempted from Obamacare? | Fact Checker - Blogs](#)

Sep 28, 2013 ... "The more that Congress experiences the laws we pass, the better the ... had exempted Congress and its staff from "the full effect of the law".

[blogs.rgj.com/ factchecker/ 2013/ 09/ 28/ is-congress-exempted-from-obamacare/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress exempt from several federal laws | Fox News](#)

Feb 3, 2012 ... While Congress is moving to explicitly apply insider trading laws to its members, lawmakers are exempt from provisions of other federal laws.

[www.foxnews.com/ us/ 2012/ 02/ 03/ congress-exempt-from-several-federal-laws/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Did members of Congress exempt themselves from complying with ...](#)

Jan 16, 2013 ... Members of Congress "specifically exempted themselves from many of the laws they have passed, such as being exempt from any fear of ...

[www.politifact.com/ ohio/ statements/ 2013/ jan/ 16/ chain-email/ did-members-congress-exempt-themselves-complying-h/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Did Obama exempt 1,200 groups, including Congress, from ...](#)

Oct 16, 2013 ... "The president has exempted over 1,200 groups, including members of Congress , from the health care law." – Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), in an ...

[www.washingtonpost.com/ blogs/ fact-checker/ wp/ 2013/ 10/ 16/ did-obama-exempt-1200-groups-including-congress-from-obamacare/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Congress's Exemption from Obamacare | National Review Online](#)

Sep 16, 2013 ... Senator David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican, has demanded a floor vote on his bill to end an exemption that members of Congress and their ...

[www.nationalreview.com/ article/ 358550/ congresss-exemption-obamacare-john-fund](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)

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[Fact Check: Did President Obama exempt members of Congress ...](#)

Oct 9, 2013 ... Assertion President Obama exempted members of Congress from Obamacare. " President ... Fact: When Obamacare was passed into law, Sen.

[politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/ 2013/ 10/ 09/ fact-check-did-president-obama-exempt-members-of-congress-from-obamac are/](#) - [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) - [Highlight](#)