

# **SAM BROWN IS A THREAT TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**

*Nevada voters need to know that MAGA extremist Sam Brown supports a far-right agenda that will harm hardworking families. Brown was caught on tape saying he "admires" an extreme, MAGA plan that would phase out Social Security and Medicare in just five years, calling it a "roadmap for a better America." Brown has also publicly supported plans that would force massive cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits.*

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- American Journal News: Sam Brown said Rick Scott's work on his plan that would sunset Social Security and Medicare was "something I admire"
- Scott's plan infamously called to phase out Social Security and Medicare every five years

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- Passing the GOP's balanced budget amendment would virtually guarantee cuts or severe disruptions to Social Security and Medicare by blocking them from drawing on their trust funds to disburse benefits
  - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: "Under the balanced budget amendment it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to use these savings to pay for promised benefits"
- Economists and Nobel laureates have repeatedly condemned the amendment as unsound economic policy

### **2024: BROWN TOUTED RAND PAUL'S "1 PERCENT" BUDGET CUT PLAN TO MAKE ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS TO FEDERAL SPENDING, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**

- Brown praised the plan as a way to reduce government spending, calling it "a very reasonable place to start"
  - Brown said all federal agencies and departments should have to cut spending "across the board"
- Analysis of Paul's plan indicated it could include mandatory cuts to Medicare and Social security
- Washington Post fact check: Paul's "1 percent" plan would actually end up cutting trillions from the federal budget

### **BROWN'S BROAD CALL TO ELIMINATE FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH STATE-LEVEL COUNTERPARTS COULD THREATEN THE BILLIONS IN FUNDING NEVADA RECEIVES FOR MEDICARE**

- Brown called for eliminating any federal agency that had a state-level equivalent to reduce federal spending
- Medicare is administered under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which has a state counterpart in Nevada
- Nevada received more than \$2.3 billion in Medicare award funding over from CMS over the last five years

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- As of June 28, 2024, AFP Action had spent \$2.8 million on ads, mail, and canvassing to boost Sam Brown's campaign

- Brown also received a total of \$10,000 in campaign contributions by the Koch Industries PAC

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- American Journal News: In 2022, AFP “called for major changes to Social Security, including raising the retirement age”

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**AMERICAN JOURNAL NEWS: SAM BROWN SAID RICK SCOTT’S WORK ON HIS PLAN THAT WOULD SUNSET SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE WAS “SOMETHING I ADMIRE”**

**HEADLINE: “Nevada Senate Candidate Praised Rick Scott For Creating ‘Roadmap’ To Sunset Medicare.”**

[American Journal News, [8/2/23](#)]

**American Journal News: Brown Embraced Rick Scott’s Plan That Would Sunset Medicare And Social Security, Adding That Scott’s Work On The Plan Was “Something I Admire.”** “Nevada Republican Senate candidate Sam Brown embraced an unpopular plan for actions to be taken by potential GOP majorities in Congress that Florida GOP Sen. Rick Scott released in February 2022. At the time, Brown called Scott’s work on the plan ‘something I admire.’ The plan would have meant higher taxes for most Americans and the possible sunset of safety net programs like Medicare and Social Security.” [American Journal News, [8/2/23](#)]

**AUDIO 2/24/22: Sam Brown Said He “Admire[d]” Rick Scott For Attempting To Create A “Roadmap For A Better America,” Praising Him For Being A Republican Leader Who Put Ideas Forward.** BROWN: “I’ll tell you who right now, is I think I appreciate that he’s trying to look forward, he’s trying to cast a positive vision. One of the things I think that some of Republican Party leaders have failed at is that we have become labeled. And sometimes we do this to ourselves as the party of ‘No, oh, no, we’re not going to do that.’ You know? We are the party of just rejecting policy instead of the party of projecting ideas, and what Rick Scott has done in attempting to create a Roadmap for a Better America is something that I admire as well.” [Sam Brown, Speech at Spring Mountain Republican Women, [2/24/22](#)] (AUDIO) 00:02:09

- **2/22/22: Scott Had Released His 11-Point Plan On February 22, 2022 – Two Days Before Brown’s Comments.** “Sen. Rick Scott of Florida tells Fox News Digital that he’s ‘a business guy, and so in business I always put out a plan.’ That’s why Scott on Tuesday released a sweeping 11-point plan chock-full of 128 specific policy ideas that could serve as an agenda for Senate Republicans if they win back the chamber’s majority in November’s midterm elections. The former two-term governor’s proposals, titled ‘My Plan to Rescue America,’ are based on his years as a health care industry corporate executive, his eight years steering Florida, and his current tenure in the Senate.” [Fox Business, [2/22/22](#)]
- **2/24/22: Sam Brown Spoke At A Meeting Of The Spring Mountain Republican Women.** [Spring Mountain Republican Women via Archive.org, [2/24/22](#)] (PDF)

**SCOTT’S PLAN INFAMOUSLY CALLED TO PHASE OUT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE EVERY FIVE YEARS**

**New York Times: Rick Scott’s Plan Called To “To Sunset All Legislation After Five Years, Presumably Including Social Security And Medicare.”** “It was an odd admission for the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. His leader, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has repeatedly told Mr. Scott to pipe down about his “11-Point Plan to Rescue America,” with its call to impose income taxes on more than half of Americans who pay none now, and to sunset all legislation after five years, presumably including Social Security and Medicare.” [New York Times, [3/31/22](#)]

- **Miami Herald: Rick Scott’s Plan Called For “Allowing Federal Programs Like Social Security Medicare And Medicaid To Sunset Or Expire Within Five Years If Congress Fails To Pass Legislation To Renew Them.”** “Sen. Rick Scott was challenged Sunday by Fox News host and former Miami reporter John Roberts over his recently released ‘Rescue America’ plan. During the interview on the conservative network’s Fox News Sunday program, Scott said Roberts was repeating Democrats’ ‘talking points’ after the news host read word by word two of the plan’s proposals: raising income taxes for low- and middle-income earners and allowing federal programs like Social Security Medicare and Medicaid to sunset or expire within five years if Congress fails to pass legislation to renew them.” [Miami Herald, [3/28/22](#)]
- **Fox News Host John Roberts: “That Would Raise Taxes On Half Of Americans And Potentially Sunset Programs Like Medicare, Medicaid And Social Security [...] Why Would You Propose Something Like That In An Election Year?”** “During the interview on the conservative network’s Fox News Sunday program, Scott said Roberts was repeating Democrats’ ‘talking points’ after the news host read word by word two of the plan’s proposals: raising income taxes for low- and middle-income earners and allowing federal programs like Social Security Medicare and Medicaid to sunset or expire within five years if Congress fails to pass legislation to renew them. ‘That would raise taxes on half of Americans and potentially sunset programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security,’ Roberts said. ‘Why would you propose something like that in an election year?’” [Miami Herald, [3/28/22](#)]

**FactCheck.org: “That Section Of His Plan Calls For Sunsetting ‘All Federal Legislation’ In Five Years, Forcing Congress To Act If It Wants To Keep Federal Programs.”** “Scott, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, discusses Medicare and Social Security in the plan under ‘Point Six: Government Reform/Debt.’ That section of his plan calls for sunsetting ‘all federal legislation’ in five years, forcing Congress to act if it wants to keep federal programs. ‘If a law is worth keeping, Congress can pass it again,’ the plan says. It also calls on ‘Congress to issue a report every year telling the public what they plan to do when Social Security and Medicare go bankrupt.’” [Factcheck.org, [3/29/22](#)]

**VIDEO MSNBC: Rick Scott “Actually Called For Sunsetting All Federal Legislation Every Five Years, Which Would Include Social Security And Medicare.”** [00:00] ANCHOR: “Last week, when President Biden called out Republicans for their attempts to cut Social Security and Medicare at the State of the Union, Republicans were outraged, outraged, many booed. Marjorie Taylor Greene called the President a liar. Senator Rick Scott of Florida was particularly on the defensive because it was Scott, as head of the Senate Republican campaign effort in last year’s midterms, who actually called for sunsetting all federal legislation every five years, which would include Social Security and Medicare, along with every other federal program. He made it part of his 11-Point Plan to quote “Rescue America” and then kept trying to deny his position.” [YouTube, MSNBC, [2/17/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**VIDEO Fox News Anchor: Rick Scott’s Plan Would “Potentially Sunset Programs Like Medicare, Medicaid, And Social Security. Why Would You Propose Something Like That? ... It’s In The Plan!”** [00:00] ANCHOR: You recently put out an 11-point plan to rescue America. Two of the big points of which are, quote, “All Americans should pay some income tax to have skin in the game, even if a small amount. Currently over half of Americans pay no income tax.” It also says “All federal legislation sunsets in five years. If a law is worth keeping, Congress can pass it again.” So that would raise taxes on half of Americans and potentially sunset programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Why would you propose something like that in an election year?” [...] [00:49] ANCHOR: “It’s not a democratic talking point. It’s in the plan.” [Twitter, @atrupar, [3/27/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**VIDEO MSNBC: “Yes, Republicans Have Called For Cuts To Social Security And Medicare.”** [MSNBC, All In with Chris Hayes, [2/8/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**SPEAKING ABOUT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, BROWN SAID: “I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT GET PASSED. I WOULD PUSH FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.”**

**AUDIO November 2023: Brown Said He Would Push For A Balanced Budget Amendment If He Were Elected To The Senate.** [23:38] BROWN: “Congress must get back to a place where we bring fiscal accountability. I would love to see a balanced budget amendment get passed. I would push for a balanced budget amendment. I would love to see zero-based budgeting.” [Sam Brown, Boulder City Republican Women, [11/16/23](#)] (AUDIO) 23:38

**AUDIO February 2024: Brown Said He Supported Zero-Based Budgeting And A Balanced Budget Amendment.** [29:04] BROWN: “But we can also get back to something you know, called zero based budgeting. A balanced budget

amendment is also something I would support as well. Yes Danny.” [Sam Brown, Sierra Nevada Republican Women, [2/14/24](#)] (AUDIO) 29:04

**PASSING THE GOP’S BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT WOULD VIRTUALLY GUARANTEE CUTS OR SEVERE DISRUPTIONS TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE BY BLOCKING THEM FROM DRAWING ON THEIR TRUST FUNDS TO DISBURSE BENEFITS**

**CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES: “UNDER THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR SOCIAL SECURITY TO USE THESE SAVINGS TO PAY FOR PROMISED BENEFITS”**

**HEADLINE: “The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, And Jobs.”** [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

**Center For American Progress: “The Balanced-Budget Amendment Would Almost Certainly Result In Drastic Cuts Of Middle-Class Bedrocks, Including Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid.”** “Given the federal deficits that are projected in the coming years—which are substantially higher because of the tax cuts—the balanced-budget amendment would almost certainly result in drastic cuts to middle-class bedrocks, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, so long as the majority maintains its opposition to higher revenues.” [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

**Because Of The Balanced Budget Amendment’s Provision That Federal Spending Equal Federal Revenue, It Would “Essentially Be Unconstitutional” For Social Security To Use Its Trust Fund To Make Payments.** “For instance, its requirement that policymakers offset federal spending in any year with revenues collected in that same year would prevent Social Security and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from using their reserves for their intended purposes of paying benefits and responding to bank failures, respectively. [...] But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to use these savings to pay promised benefits.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/9/18](#)]

**Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: A Balanced Budget Requirement In The U.S. Constitution Would Override U.S. Government Guarantees To Pay Program Benefits For Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid.** “In sum, even if programs have built up substantial reserves to pay benefits and claims — such as in deposit insurance and Social Security — those reserves could fail to provide protection under a constitutional balanced budget requirement because the reserves would not count as revenues in the current fiscal year, while payments from the reserves would count as expenditures in the current fiscal year. In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

**ECONOMISTS AND NOBEL LAUREATES HAVE REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED THE AMENDMENT AS UNSOUND ECONOMIC POLICY**

**2017: Leading Economists, Which Included Four Nobel Laureates, Rejected A Proposition For The U.S. To Adopt A Balanced Budget Amendment At An IGM Forum Operated By The University Of Chicago.** “Recently, the IGM Forum, operated by the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business, surveyed 42 of the nation’s leading economists of all political persuasions, asking them to evaluate the opposite proposition: that a balanced budget requirement would help stabilize the economy. Did they agree that ‘amending the Constitution to require that the federal government end each fiscal year without a deficit would substantially reduce output variability in the United States’? (Emphasis added.) The forum reported that 99 percent disagreed with the proposition.[12] Of the surveyed economists, four have won the Nobel Prize.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

**2011: Five Nobel Laureates In Economics Signed A Letter To Congress And President Obama In Opposition To A Balanced Budget Amendment, Calling It “Very Unsound Policy.”** “A group of leading economists, including five Nobel Laureates in economics, today publicly released a letter to President Obama and Congress opposing a constitutional balanced budget amendment. The letter outlines the reasons why writing a balanced budget requirement into the Constitution would be ‘very unsound policy’ that would adversely affect the economy. Adding arbitrary caps on federal expenditures would make the balanced budget amendment even more problematic, the letter says. The Economic Policy Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities organized the letter. ‘A balanced budget amendment would mandate perverse actions in the face of recessions,’ the letter notes. By requiring large budget cuts when the economy is

weakest, the amendment 'would aggravate recessions.' The signatories of the letter are Nobel Laureates Kenneth Arrow, Peter Diamond, Eric Maskin, Charles Schultze, William Sharpe and Robert Solow; Alan Blinder, former Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve System's Board of Governors and former member of the Council of Economic Advisors; and Laura Tyson, former Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors and former Director of the National Economic Council." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [6/19/11](#)]

## **2024: BROWN TOUTED RAND PAUL'S "1 PERCENT" BUDGET CUT PLAN TO MAKE ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS TO FEDERAL SPENDING, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**

### **BROWN PRAISED THE PLAN AS A WAY TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, CALLING IT "A VERY REASONABLE PLACE TO START"**

#### **BROWN SAID ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS SHOULD HAVE TO CUT SPENDING "ACROSS THE BOARD"**

**February 2024: Brown Touted Sen. Rand Paul's "1 Percent" Budget Cut Plan As A Way To Reduce Government Spending, Calling It "A Very Reasonable Place To Start."** [28:40] BROWN: "No, I think a place to start is, you know, is considering from a discretionary spending standpoint, you know, saying, Hey, we've got to just reduce spending at some sort of percentage and just know Rand Paul's done a lot of studying and talking about this in the past. He used to say, hey, if we just were just spending 1% a year for, you know, several years, we'll get back to a much healthier spot. I haven't heard an update on that with all of the spending we've had in the last, you know, 24 months. But I think that's a very reasonable place to start, is just saying, you know, let's, let's have all agencies and departments kind of tighten their belts across the board." Sam Brown, Sierra Nevada Republican Women, [2/14/24](#) (AUDIO) 28:40

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## **ANALYSIS OF PAUL'S PLAN INDICATED IT COULD INCLUDE MANDATORY CUTS TO MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

**Washington Post Fact Check: Rand Paul's "Penny Plan" Could Include Cuts To Mandatory Spending On Medicare And Social Security.** "Paul has long been a fan of the 'penny' plan — the idea that the budget could quickly be balanced if only a penny out of every dollar — 1 percent of spending — were cut every year. When challenged by CNN's Wolf Blitzer about the potential size of the military cuts in his budget, Paul made it sound so painless — \$13 billion a year in total spending cuts, a virtual rounding error in a \$4 trillion budget. [...] We engaged in a long back-and-forth with Paul spokesman Mathew Hawes to understand how eliminating \$13 billion a year in spending for five years would eliminate a budget deficit that is approaching \$1 trillion a year. [...] On top of that, Paul's reference to \$13 billion was only regarding discretionary spending. (One percent of \$1.3 trillion in discretionary spending is \$13 billion.) But the federal budget is mostly mandatory spending, for programs such as Medicare and Social Security, so after the \$137 billion whack in 2019, Paul would cut between \$30 billion and \$31.5 billion each year." [Washington Post, [4/26/18](#)]

## **WASHINGTON POST FACT CHECK: PAUL'S "1 PERCENT" PLAN WOULD ACTUALLY END UP CUTTING TRILLIONS FROM THE FEDERAL BUDGET**

**Washington Post: Rand Paul's Plan To Cut 1 Percent Of Every Federal Dollar Spent Every Year Would Cut "Trillions Of Dollars" From The Federal Budget.** "Paul has long been a fan of the 'penny' plan — the idea that the budget could quickly be balanced if only a penny out of every dollar — 1 percent of spending — were cut every year. [...] When Paul says he's just cutting \$13 billion a year in discretionary spending — or \$30 billion a year including mandatory spending — he's ignoring not only the fact that he would wipe out the recent spending bill; he's acting as if there is no baseline and 1 percent can be easily cut from the previous year's budget. But it's not really 1 percent; it's 1 percent plus the impact of inflation and population growth. [...] Paul is free to use whatever baseline he wants. But he should not go on television and pretend that the budget reductions envisioned in his budget are so small — or relatively painless. A '1

percent cut' is far more than \$13 billion, even under Paul's math. And when adjusted for a baseline that takes into account population growth and inflation, it's trillions of dollars. His remarks on national television are highly misleading and worthy of Four Pinocchios." [Washington Post, [4/26/18](#)]

## **BROWN'S WIDE CALL TO ELIMINATE FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH STATE-LEVEL COUNTERPARTS COULD THREATEN THE BILLIONS IN FUNDING NEVADA RECEIVES FOR MEDICARE**

### **BROWN CALLED FOR ELIMINATING ANY FEDERAL AGENCY THAT HAD A STATE-LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING**

**HEADLINE: "Brown Said He Wants To Ax Multiple Federal Departments, Promised Spending Cuts Will 'Be Painful.'"** [Nevada Current, Hugh Jackson, [5/17/24](#)]

**VIDEO May 2022: Brown Called For Eliminating Any Federal Agency That Had A State-Level Equivalent To Reduce Federal Spending.** [23:31] BROWN: "Yeah, so this is this is one of those fun ones that you know, hear people mentioned, but there's seldom any good follow through. One of the things that I've been proposing is that anywhere that we have a duplication of a department or agency at a federal level, that also has a state counterpart, that we don't need that duplication. And so - So I have a twofold plan here. One is start reducing the allocation of money to those federal departments and agencies. And that will start cutting down our federal budget. And it also returns more control and power back to the states, where we already have, for example, you know, a Department of Transportation and Department of Education and Department of Energy, environmental departments or agencies. And so at the end of the day, we reduce federal spending, but we also return more power back to the States." [YouTube, Nevada Newsmakers, [5/9/22](#)] (VIDEO) 23:31

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### **MEDICARE WAS ADMINISTERED UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WHICH HAD A STATE COUNTERPART IN NEVADA**

**The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services Was The Federal Agency That Administered Medicare.** "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services combines the oversight of the Medicare program, the federal portion of the Medicaid program and State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Health Insurance Marketplace, and related quality assurance activities." [US Department of Health and Human Service, HHS Agencies & Offices, Accessed [3/15/24](#)]

- **The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Was An Agency Under The U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services.** "HHS Agencies & Offices: HHS has 12 operating divisions, including nine agencies in the U.S. Public Health Service and three human services agencies. These divisions administer a wide variety of health and human services and conduct life-saving research for the nation, protecting and serving all Americans. [...] Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services combines the oversight of the Medicare program, the federal portion of the Medicaid program and State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Health Insurance Marketplace, and related quality assurance activities." [US Department of Health and Human Service, HHS Agencies & Offices, Accessed [3/15/24](#)]

**The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Mission Was To "Enhance The Health And Well-Being Of All Americans, By Providing For Effective Health And Human Services And By Fostering Sound, Sustained Advances In The Sciences Underlying Medicine, Public Health, And Social Services."** The mission of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is to enhance the health and well-being of all Americans, by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services. [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, About HHS, accessed [6/25/24](#)]

The Nevada Department Of Health And Human Services' (DHHS) Mission Was To “Promotes The Health And Well-Being Of Its Residents Through The Delivery Or Facilitation Of A Multitude Of Essential Services To Ensure Families Are Strengthened, Public Health Is Protected, And Individuals Achieve Their Highest Level Of Self-Sufficiency.” “The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) promotes the health and well-being of its residents through the delivery or facilitation of a multitude of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. The Department is the largest in state government, comprised of five Divisions along with additional programs and offices overseen by the DHHS' Director's Office.” [State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, About Us, accessed [6/25/24](#)]

**NEVADA RECEIVED MORE THAN \$2.3 BILLION IN MEDICARE AWARD FUNDING OVER FROM CMS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

**2019-2023: The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Gave Nevada A Total Of \$2,303,927,586 In Medicare Award Funding.**

YEAR	MEDICARE FUNDING
2019	\$ 328,064,804
2020	\$ 328,137,041
2021	\$ 411,880,708
2022	\$ 578,242,760
2023	\$ 657,602,273
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,303,927,586</b>

[USASpending.gov, Accessed [3/13/24](#)]

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**AS OF JUNE 28, 2024, AFP ACTION HAD SPENT \$2.8 MILLION ON ADS, MAIL, AND CANVASSING TO BOOST SAM BROWN'S CAMPAIGN**

**FEC: As Of June 28, 2024, Americans For Prosperity Action Had Spent \$2,793,068.89 In Independent Expenditures Supporting Sam Brown's Senate Campaign.**

<b>AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY ACTION, INC. (AFP ACTION) DBA CVA ACTION AND DBA LIBRE ACTION</b>	<b>\$2,793,068.89</b>
CANVASSING	\$642,565.86
DIGITAL AD PLACEMENT	\$1,490,000.00
DIGITAL AD PRODUCTION	\$150.00
DOOR HANGER PRODUCTION	\$54,466.81
DOORHANGER PRODUCTION	\$24,928.50
MAILER POSTAGE	\$337,099.89
MAILER PRODUCTION	\$155,866.13
MEDIA PRODUCTION	\$87,991.70
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,793,068.89</b>

[FEC, Independent Expenditure Search, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

**Americans For Prosperity Action Endorsed Sam Brown For Senate, Calling It Their “Most Significant Bid To Date.”** “In our most significant effort to date, Americans for Prosperity Action (AFP Action) today announced its support for Sam Brown's bid for the US Senate. AFP Action is getting involved earlier than ever before in federal and state primaries to elect better candidates who are strong advocates for policies that will improve the lives of all Americans.” [Americans for Prosperity Action, Press Release, [7/19/23](#)]

- **American Journal News: Americans For Prosperity Action, A “Conservative Dark Money Group Founded By Charles Koch And The Late David Koch,” Endorsed Senate Candidates Including Sam Brown.** “Sheehy is one of several 2024 GOP candidates endorsed by Americans for Prosperity, a conservative dark money group founded by

Charles Koch and the late David Koch. The group has spent more than \$185 million to elect Republicans since 2015. Other prominent endorsees include U.S. Senate candidates David McCormick in Pennsylvania and Sam Brown in Nevada. If nominated, Sheehy, McCormick, and Brown will face incumbent Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT), Bob Casey (D-PA), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV).” [American Journal News, [11/8/23](#)]

**The LIBRE Initiative Action Endorsed Sam Brown For Senate.** “The Libre Initiative Action, an advocacy group affiliated with mega-donor Charles Koch’s political network, will announce Monday four endorsements in key congressional races. Libre Action is endorsing Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.), Monica De La Cruz (R-Texas) and Juan Ciscomani (R-Ariz.) for reelection and Nevada GOP Senate candidate Sam Brown, who is challenging Sen. Jacky Rosen (D).” [The Hill, [12/4/23](#)]

- **LIBRE Action Website: “The LIBRE Initiative Action Is A Project Of Americans For Prosperity Action.”** “The LIBRE Initiative Action and design logo, LIBRE Action are registered service marks of Americans for Prosperity Action. All rights reserved. The LIBRE Initiative Action is a project of Americans for Prosperity Action.” [LIBRE Action, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

**The Concerned Veterans For America Action Endorsed Sam Brown For Senate.** “Concerned Veterans for America Action (CVA Action) announced today support for Sam Brown’s bid for the U.S. Senate to represent Nevadans in Washington, D.C. CVA Action announced last year the organization would be engaging earlier and in more primaries than ever before. Today’s endorsements put that promise into action.” [Concerned Veterans for America Action, Press Release, [3/19/24](#)]

- **Concerned Veterans For America Website Said That It Was Affiliated With Americans For Prosperity Action.** “Concerned Veterans for America Action and design logo and CVA Action are registered service marks of Americans for Prosperity Action. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.” [Concerned Veterans for America Action, About, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

**BROWN ALSO RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$10,000 IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE KOCH INDUSTRIES PAC**

**2023-2024: Sam Brown For Nevada Received \$10,000 In Contributions By The Koch Industries PAC.** [FEC, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

**AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY WAS FUNDED BY THE KOCH NETWORK AND SUPPORTED RAISING THE RETIREMENT AGE**

**AMERICAN JOURNAL NEWS: IN 2022, AFP “CALLED FOR MAJOR CHANGES TO SOCIAL SECURITY, INCLUDING RAISING THE RETIREMENT AGE”**

**HEADLINE: “Top Republican Senate Candidates Are Endorsed By Foes Of Social Security And Medicare.”** [American Journal News, [11/8/23](#)]

**American Journal News: “In 2022, Americans For Prosperity Called For Major Changes To Social Security, Including Raising The Retirement Age, Cutting Benefits, And Means-Testing Recipients.”** “In 2022, Americans for Prosperity called for major changes to Social Security, including raising the retirement age, cutting benefits, and means-testing recipients. The group has received large donations from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the trade group for Big Pharma.” [American Journal News, [11/8/23](#)]