



# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL MISLEADS READERS

On Thursday, May 2, the Wall Street Journal published an article about the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that contained a number of false claims, cherry-picked facts and misleading information. We're here to set the record straight.

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U.S. Chamber "Shut Out" of the Current Administration

**WRONG**

## THE FULL STORY

The Chamber is deeply and productively engaged with the Trump administration. In the first quarter of 2019 alone, Chamber officials have had more than 200 meetings with top administration officials, and eight Cabinet members have addressed Chamber events.

"The chamber hoped a business-friendly administration would reanimate its power. But Mr. Trump's populism has refashioned the GOP agenda."

**OVERSIMPLIFIED**

The Chamber played an instrumental role in the historic passage of tax reform, it laid the groundwork and helped push through sweeping regulatory relief. The Chamber is participating in two White House task forces, and it is leading the private-sector coalition for the USMCA – a top priority for the president.

No current Chamber members quoted

**UNBALANCED**

The Journal interviewed the Chamber Board Chair and reached out to members who spoke favorably on its behalf. However, the Journal chose not to include their relevant and informed perspectives.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has seen "declines in revenue."

**DECEPTIVE**

The Chamber's business is cyclical and consistent with election cycles. It is misleading to compare revenue during an election year (2014) to revenue during a non-election year (2017). The Journal's own graph shows that Chamber revenue growth has been steady and strong for years.

U.S. Chamber has "found little refuge" with Democrats.

**DISTORTED**

The Chamber has relationships on both sides of the aisle, working with anyone who shares its commitment to growing the economy and creating jobs. It encourages bipartisanship through a revamped congressional scorecard and positions driven by policy, not party.

The chamber has drawn much of its money from older industries such as tobacco, oil and gas, transportation, defense and manufacturing.

**MISLEADING**

The Chamber represents the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions. We lobby on behalf of the business community generally, not on behalf of individual companies. While some policy proposals may affect some members more than others, we always advocate for business broadly.

Since 1998, it has spent \$1.5 billion on lobbying, more than any other interest group and three times the amount spent by the next-largest.

**MISSING CONTEXT**

Our commitment to advocating for the business community is unwavering, and we will raise and deploy resources to get the most impact for our members.