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Scott Pruitt – EPA		Ryan Zinke – DOI
16 investigations opened	INVESTIGATION COUNT	10 investigations opened, with requests for at least another 4 pending
\$25,000 phone booth	LAVISH SPENDING ON TAXPAYERS' DIME	\$139,000 doors
EPA Inspector General investigated abuse of military and private planes	UNDER THE MICROSCOPE FOR BEING UP IN THE SKY	Interior Inspector General inspected abuse of military and chartered planes
Flew home on taxpayers' dime	UNDER THE MICROSCOPE FOR BEING UP IN THE SKY ... AGAIN	Flies home on taxpayers' dime
Took security on a trip to Italy (cost \$120,000)	SECURITY ON VACATION	Took security on two-week trip to Greece and Turkey (cost unknown)
Gave raises "to two young aides he had brought with him to EPA from Oklahoma"	ALL IN THE FAMILY: HIRING POLITICAL LACKEYS	Hired high school football friend and old PAC manager who were otherwise unqualified
Attacked EPA for being a "bastion of liberalism."	ATTACKING FROM WITHIN	Attacked DOI for staff not being "loyal to the flag," calling them "serpents"
Rented a DC apartment for far below market value, and fell behind some of his rent payments	OVERDUE RENT	"Wrongfully abandoned" his D.C. house and stopped paying rent
Used a personal email to conduct official business.	BUT HIS EMAILS ...	Appears to use personal email to conduct official business. (Pending investigation)

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Reassigned or demoted employees who challenged his exorbitant spending habits	DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS	Zinke's top advance staffer left after complaining about having to do additional work to accommodate Zinke's wife's demands
Flew first class to avoid talking with Americans	EXTRA LEG ROOM	Used wildfire funds to charter helicopter tour and took another helicopter to ride a horse with Mike Pence
Tried to get his wife a job at Chick-fil-A	LEADING LADIES	Lola Zinke plays a "key role in arranging aspects of her husband's official events" at Interior
Facing allegations that he removed meetings with industry representatives from his calendar	CALENDAR? WHAT CALENDAR?	Redacted calendar to hide a meeting with developers who he was engaged in a sweetheart land deal with

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