

# John Bolton

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**While Bolton Was Critiquing Obama's Iran Policy At The 2009 CPAC, He Made A Joke About Iran Nuking Chicago, Saying Maybe Obama Would Take The Iran Threat Seriously If That Happened.** "'The fact is on foreign policy I don't think President Obama thinks it's a priority,' said Bolton. 'He said during the campaign he thought Iran was a tiny threat. Tiny, tiny depending on how many nuclear weapons they are ultimately able to deliver on target. Its, uh, its tiny compared to the Soviet Union, but is the loss of one American city' here Bolton changes his tone subtly to prepare for the joke 'pick one at random Chicago is that a tiny threat?'" (Jonathan Stein, "John Bolton At CPAC The Benefits Of Nuking Chicago," [Mother Jones](#), 2/26/09)

**During June 2005, Senate Democrats Twice Blocked Bolton's Nomination For Ambassador Of The UN.** "For the second time in a month, Senate Democrats blocked a vote on Monday evening on the nomination of John R. Bolton to be ambassador to the United Nations, raising the possibility that President Bush will circumvent the confirmation process and appoint Mr. Bolton when Congress recesses." (Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "Democrats Block A Vote On Bolton For The Second Time," [The New York Times](#), 6/21/05)

- **In 2005, "State Department Officials Accused [Bolton] Of Berating Career Officials And Analysts Who Challenged His Views..."** "Bolton, an outspoken conservative who had often criticized the United Nations, triggered controversy from the moment Bush nominated him March 8. State Department officials accused him of berating career officials and analysts who challenged his views, and of selectively choosing intelligence to support his assertions about the dangers posed by Cuba and other nations." (Charles Babington And Dafna Linzer, "Bolton May Accept Recess Appointment," [The Washington Post](#), 7/13/05)
- **In 2005, *USA Today* Reported That Bolton "Threw A File Folder And A Tape Dispenser At An American Business Woman In Moscow, Disparaged Her Weight And Alleged She Was Gay In An Attempt To Get Her To Withdraw Criticism Of A Foreign-Aid Project..."** "The Bush administration's nominee to be ambassador to the United Nations once threw a file folder and a tape dispenser at an American businesswoman in Moscow, disparaged her weight and alleged she

was gay in an attempt to get her to withdraw criticism of a foreign-aid project, the woman said Wednesday.” (Barbara Slavin, “Woman Accuses Bolton Of Harassment,” [USA Today](#), 4/21/05)

- **In 1997, John Bolton Said The US Should “Absolutely Not” Pay Dues To The UN.** CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: “Now, two views. John Bolton was Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs in the Bush administration. He’s now senior vice president of the American Enterprise Institute, a non-profit research organization. And Alvin Adams is a career diplomat and former ambassador who now serves as president of the United Nations Association, a private organization that promotes the U.S. role at the U.N.. Thank you both for joining us. Starting with you, Mr. Bolton, should the United States pay its U.N. dues now?” JOHN BOLTON: “Absolutely not. I think the most important thing to understand about this current debate is that there really is no financial crisis at the United Nations. What we do face is a crisis of U.N. legitimacy. There are serious questions about the role of governance, the functioning of the United Nations within the United States that are not resolved. The United States has made a number of proposals over the years about reform in the U.N., about its proper role and governance that have not been taken up. And Congress has used basically the only weapon that it has, withholding U.S. contributions. Until these fundamental issues that go to the legitimacy of the U.N. are resolved, however, I think it would be a mistake simply to pay up and hope for the best.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#), 2/13/97)
- **In 1997, John Bolton Said UN Staff Cuts Have Not “Been Substantial Enough” And That “Many More Things Could Be Done” To Reform The UN.** JOHN BOLTON: “First, let me say I think that the reforms that have been undertaken in the past four or five years have been pitifully inadequate. I don’t think the inspector general’s office has proven itself strong. I don’t think the staff cuts have been substantial enough. I think there are many, many more things that could be done.” CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: “For example?” JOHN BOLTON: “But I would stress that this is not simply a bean counting exercise. This has to do not only with what the secretary general may propose in his reform plan but what the other member governments want to do too. And I think it needs to be understood that it’s not simply a problem with the secretariat. It’s a problem with many other member governments that have tried to count on the U.S. paying 25 percent of the total cost to the U.N. and 31 percent for peacekeeping as a kind of entitlement to the organization. That’s not going to fly anymore.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#) 2/13/97)
- **In 1997, Bolton Said “Virtually Nothing Has Been Done That’s Important” At The UN.** CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: “Now, Mr. Adams is saying that enough has been done to release the to pay the debt. Why isn’t that enough to pay some of the debt?” JOHN BOLTON: “Virtually nothing has been done that’s important. The U.N.’s budget process from the U.S. point of view has essentially broken down. The idea that 120 members, 2/3 of the general assembly, can essentially do what they want I think is just not acceptable to majorities of members of Congress. Let me give you one very recent example. The United States was recently excluded for the first time in U.N. history from the 16-member budget committee that makes key decisions about the U.N. budget. I believe that the decision of the general assembly to exclude the United States from that budget committee was petulant and short-sighted, and it materially impedes the ability of the United States to make its views on the budget known. That may not be well understood among the general public, but I can assure you it’s extremely well understood by the authorizers and appropriators on Capitol Hill. And it will have an impact.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#), 2/13/97)

**In September 2015, Bolton Joined Freedom Capital Investment Management As A “Senior Advisor.”** “Freedom Capital Investment Management, the nation’s first American Impact Investing firm, announced former US Ambassador John Bolton has joined the team as a Senior Advisor. He will be responsible for advising the firm on international security and financial and political risks.” (Press Release, “Freedom Capital Appoints Bolton As Senior Advisor,” [Freedom Capital](#) 9/30/15)

- **Freedom Capital “Is Dedicated To American Impact Investing,” A Philosophy Of Investing In “Opportunities That Promote Prosperity, Security, And Freedom For The U.S. And Its Allies.”** “Freedom Capital Investment Management is dedicated to American Impact Investing. Freedom Capital’s mission is to wisely invest capital in opportunities that promote prosperity, security, and freedom for the U.S. and its allies. Freedom Capital believes that the current agenda driven investment landscape represented by Socially Responsible Investing / Impact Investing is disproportionately focused on liberal ideals and does not currently represent the investment objectives of millions of American Investors. Freedom Capital offers investment vehicles that enable the many of investors whose beliefs are not currently represented a new brand of impact investing American Impact: Investing in prosperity, security and freedom.” (“About Us,” [Freedom Capital](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

**In January 2007, Bolton Was Named To The Board Of Directors Of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.** “Jan. 30, 2007--Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE:DO) today announced that it has appointed John R. Bolton to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Bolton's distinguished career spans over 30 years in government service and the legal profession.” (Press Release, “Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. Announces Board Appointment,” [Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.](#), 1/30/07)

- **According To Diamond Offshore’s Website, Bolton Is Still On The Board Of Directors, And Serves On The Board’s Audit Committee.** (“Board Committees,” [Diamond Offshore](#) Accessed 12/1/16)
- **Diamond Offshore Provides “Contract Drilling Services To The Energy Industry Around The Globe.”** “Diamond Offshore is a leader in offshore drilling, providing contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe with a total fleet of 28 offshore drilling rigs, consisting of 19 semisubmersibles, four dynamically positioned drillships, and five jack-ups.” (“About Diamond Offshore,” [Diamond Offshore](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

## BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

### *Personal Information*

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### *Education*

Yale Law School Juris Doctor, Law 1974

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Yale College Bachelor’s 1970

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### *Work Experience*

**2008 – Present:** Kirkland & Ellis LLP Of Counsel ([American Bridge PAC](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

**2007 – Present:** American Enterprise Institute For Public Policy Research Senior Fellow ([American Bridge PAC](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

**August 2005 – December 2006:** U.S. State Department Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations ([Washington Speakers Bureau](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**2001 – 2005:** U.S. State Department Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs ([Washington Speakers Bureau](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**December 1999 – 2001:** Kutak Rock LLP Of Counsel ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**May 1999 – 2001:** U.S. Commission On International Religious Freedom Commissioner ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1997 – 2001:** American Enterprise Institute Senior Vice President ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1997 – 2000:** UN. Secretary General Personal Envoy To Western Sahara James Baker – Assistant (Pro Bono) ([U.S. Department Of State](#) 3/7/05)

**1995 – 1996:** National Policy Forum President ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**1994 – 1996:** George Mason University School Of Law Adjunct Professor ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**January 1993 – July 1993:** Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**1993 – 1999:** Lerner, Reed, Bolton & McManus Partner ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**1989 – 1993:** U.S. State Department Assistant Secretary For International Organization Affairs ([Washington Speakers Bureau](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1988 – 1989:** U.S. Department Of Justice Assistant Attorney General For The Civil Division ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1985 – 1989:** U.S. Department Of Justice Assistant Attorney General For Legislative Affairs ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1983 – 1985:** Covington & Burling Partner ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1983:** U.S. Agency For International Development Assistant Administrator For Program And Policy Coordination ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**1981 – 1982:** U.S. Agency For International Development General Counsel ([Washington Speakers Bureau](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1974 – 1981:** Covington & Burling Associate ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1974-1976:** U.S. Army Reserves ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**June 1973 – August 1973:** Lord, Day & Lord Summer Associate ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**June 1972 – August 1972:** Office Of The Vice President White House Summer Intern ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

**1970-1974:** U.S. Army National Guard ([U.S. Senate](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

**1970 – 1971:** Lux et Veritas, Inc. Executive Director ([U.S. Senate](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

## QUESTIONS FOR JOHN BOLTON

### Political Vulnerabilities

#### Business Relationships

Background: Bolton serves on a variety of corporate boards and holds membership with multiple advocacy groups. Bolton is also a senior advisor for an active hybrid private equity firm.

- **Do you have any current business relationships that would create an immediate conflict of interest should you join the administration?**

- **Are you involved with any active projects or investments at Freedom Capital that would create an immediate conflict of interest should you join the administration?**
- **Will you agree to temporarily cease any or all business ties during your time in the administration should the President-elect's team find it necessary?**

### **Controversies at the State Department**

Background: During his time as U.N. Ambassador, Bolton was accused of bullying career State Department officials and those who challenged his views. Bolton also was accused of accosting women during overseas trips. Ahead of Bolton's appointment, he began efforts to double the office space reserved at the State Department for the ambassador to the UN.

- **Is there any legitimacy to the claims you mishandled or abused staff during your tenure at the State Department?**
- **At any point during your tenure do you think you misused taxpayer funds or used poor judgement when using taxpayer funded resources?**

### **Policy Questions**

#### **Opposition To Plan To Temporarily Subject Immigrants From Certain Muslim Nations**

Background: Bolton has criticized the President-elect's plan to temporarily subject immigrants from certain Muslim nations, calling the plan "completely wrong."

- **Are you willing to fully back a plan to temporarily halt immigration to the U.S. from Muslim majority nations, should the administration move forward with one?**
- **Would you be willing to help the President-elect create an immigration plan which would emphasize the safety of U.S. citizens through a temporary halt on immigrants from certain geographies?**

#### **Conflicting Positions on NATO**

Background: Bolton has been critical of the President-elect's remarks on NATO, calling them "a dagger at the heart of the most successful military/political alliance in human history." He publicly urged the President-elect to change his position.

- **Are you willing to work with the President-elect to adjust the U.S.'s role in NATO?**
- **Do you have any suggested changes or reforms to the U.S.'s role in NATO you could suggest to the President-elect?**
- **Do you disagree with the President-elect's view that NATO members should be paying their fair shares in defense spending and contributing to the common security of the member nations?**

#### **Generic Lead Diplomat**

- **As lead diplomat, which diplomatic tool would you utilize most in your interactions with other states on behalf of the United States?**
- **What do you view as the biggest issues the next SOS should address on behalf of the President?**

#### **Iran Nuclear Deal Policy**

Background: The President-elect has criticized the Iranian Nuclear Deal on and the deal is extremely unpopular among the certain constituencies.

- **The President-elect has criticized the Iranian Nuclear Deal frequently, as lead diplomat what would your objectives be in establishing a new arrangement to ensure that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon?**
- **There has been intense pressure domestically to restore sanctions against Iran, but the lifting of sanctions has thus far been the only compelling incentive to bring Iran to the table. Would you utilize a different tool to achieve negotiations with Iran or would you advocate for increased sanctions?**
- **Given that Iranian leaders have made hostile comments against Israel, how would you ensure that our Israeli allies are reassured that we are keeping their best interests in mind when dealing with Iran without the appearance that the United States is beholden to Israeli interests in the eyes of your Iranian counterparts?**

### **Syria Policy**

Background: The current conflict in Syria is considered to be the most dramatic convergence point of ongoing American military engagements and Russia's foreign policy. The President-elect's strategy and policy towards Syria, and the greater Middle East will be vital to the sustainability of several foreign states.

- **A major point of contention between the United States and Russia with regards to objectives in Syria has been the continued leadership of Bashar Al-Assad. Obama's red line policy heightened these tensions, but his failure to act made him look weak. Would you advocate to remove Assad from power as is consistent with current U.S. foreign policy or would you try to work with him to restore stability in Syria?**
- **Russia and the United States infamously were able to work together to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons. What other areas do you see such cooperation in Syria occurring between our two countries despite significant underlying issues?**
- **Do you believe that the ongoing civil war and instability in Syria is a compelling interest of United States foreign policy?**

### **ISIS**

Background: The President-elect has been intentionally vague in his plan to address ISIS and as a result the SOS role may have an extremely important public facing role in the conflict.

- **As Secretary of State, what role do you see yourself having in facilitating international cooperation to combat ISIS globally?**
- **What do you see as the areas of highest risk of being a threat to ISIS, and how would you work with international partners to secure these areas?**

### **Russia Policy**

- **The New START Treaty, which came into effect in 2011, is set to expire in 2021 which means that the groundwork for future negotiations should begin during this administration. What steps can be taken over the next four years to lay the best foundation for these talks, and what do you see as the overarching objective of these discussions?**
- **Russia has recently made aggressive moves against our NATO allies, prompting fears that the United States will not live up to its obligations under the treaty to treat an attack on any**

ally as an attack on itself. What diplomatic reassurances would you offer our partners, and how would you work with Russia to de-escalate tensions in Europe?

- **The President-elect's relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin has been a source of intense criticism during the election cycle. How would you ensure that the diplomatic relationship between the United States and Russia improves without ceding ground to Russia or appearing weak?**

### China Policy

Background: The President-elect has taken a tougher stance on China's role as an economic partner with the U.S. and has indicated he may ignore Asian allies in the near term. The Secretary of State will be retooling the Clinton-Obama "Asia Pivot" that the American people rejected.

- **The United States recently announced that it will deploy THAAD anti-missile technology in South Korea to defend our Asian allies from North Korea. This declaration angered China, which has threatened to take countermeasures should THAAD be actively deployed. How would you effectively balance the need to protect our Asian allies with the fear that China will react adversely?**
- **China has made aggressive land-grabbing moves in the South China Sea, even going so far as to create artificial islands to claim more contested waters. International rulings have gone against China's actions and claims, to no avail since they are not enforceable. What coalitions would you create, or negotiations would you hope to facilitate with China, to counter this threat?**
- **The President-elect's threat to slap large tariffs on Chinese imports could prompt China to shut off market access and raise tariffs on American imports. How do you foresee upholding Mr. Trump's pledge to renegotiate our trading patterns with China?**

### Mexico Policy

Background: The President-elect has taken an aggressive stance on Mexico as both a trade partner and as a geographic neighbor with land borders. His commitment to building the wall and renegotiating NAFTA will likely involve any SOS in the administration.

- **In light of the President-elect's agenda of stopping American companies from moving to Mexico and his plan to build a wall, how would you ensure good relations with Mexico?**
- **Are you willing to help the President-elect uphold his pledge to renegotiate NAFTA?**

## TRUMP-PENCE

*Trump*

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### **Bolton Said Trump Will Rebuild The Military That Has Suffered Under Obama**

**In November 2016, Bolton Tweeted That “Trump Will Rebuild The Military That Has Suffered Under [Obama]...”** “Trump will rebuild the military that has suffered under #Obama, which is perfect opportunity to work w/ GOP Congress to reverse that trend.” (John Bolton, [Twitter](#) 11/9/16)

### **Bolton Called On Trump To Reverse The Iran Deal**

**In A *New York Post* Column, Bolton Called On Trump To Reverse The Iran Deal And Assert US Interests.** “President-elect Trump has been emphatic that destroying ISIS must be an urgent priority, not Obama’s slow-motion approach that has simply allowed ISIS to continue recruiting adherents and training and deploying terrorists throughout the West. In addition, however, a Trump anti-ISIS strategy must also correct Obama’s misguided reliance on the Baghdad government, which has become little more than an Iranian puppet. In this complex multi-sided war, the defeat of any combatant inevitably advantages all the others. The goal should be to destroy ISIS while benefiting Iran to the least extent possible. Obama’s approach, by contrast, seems aimed at enhancing the benefits to Iran.” (John Bolton, “Trump Needs To Reverse The Iran Deal And Assert Our Interests,” [The New York Post](#), 11/13/16)

### **Bolton Praised Trump For Asserting That There Is An Ideological War Being Waged Against The West**

**Bolton Wrote An Op-Ed In *The Wall Street Journal* Where He Said Trump “Rightly Sees An Ideological War Being Waged Against The West...”** “Mr. Trump rightly sees an ideological war being waged against the West by a hateful, millenarian obsession targeting core American constitutional and philosophical principles. From that assessment flow several policy consequences, most important the imperative to destroy the terrorist threat rapidly and comprehensively before it kills and maims more innocent people. Mr. Trump correctly argues that, in combating Islamic State, al Qaeda and others, ‘we must use ideological warfare’ as well as stronger military and intelligence operations, and be ‘a friend to all moderate Muslim reformers.’ This strategy is entirely consistent with what Jordan’s King Abdullah II and other Arab leaders characterize as a civil war within Islam.” (John Bolton, “What Trump’s Foreign Policy Gets Right,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 8/21/16)

### **Bolton Came To Defense Of Trump After Republicans Signed An Anti-Trump Letter**

**Bolton Defended Trump After A Number Of Republicans Signed An Anti-Trump Letter, Saying He Wouldn’t Recommend A Number Of Them For A Job In A Future Republican Administration.** “There are a lot of people on that list I’ve never even heard of before. And there are a substantial number of people on that list that I wouldn’t recommend to be in a future Republican administration if my life depended on it. So suddenly, a lot of people have become Republicans. I thought they were career civil servants, or they were academics, people who would serve honorably in either a Republican or Democratic administration. Now, they’ve suddenly come out of nowhere to say, ‘Actually, we’ve always been Republicans, and we’re against Trump.’” (John Hayward, “John Bolton I Wouldn’t Recommend Donald Trump’s GOP Critics For A Republican Administration ‘If My Life Depended On It,’” [Breitbart](#), 8/11/16)

### ***Pence***

**When Bolton Was Asked About Differing Answers From Trump And Pence On The Ticket’s Syria Policy, Bolton Said “I Don’t Agree With Either One Of Them.”** FOX BUSINESS’ LISA KENNEDY MONTGOMERY: “All right. So how do you square the Pence-Trump Syrian circle?” JOHN BOLTON: “Well, I don’t agree with either one of them. So there. Look, the issue for the United States is how best to deal with

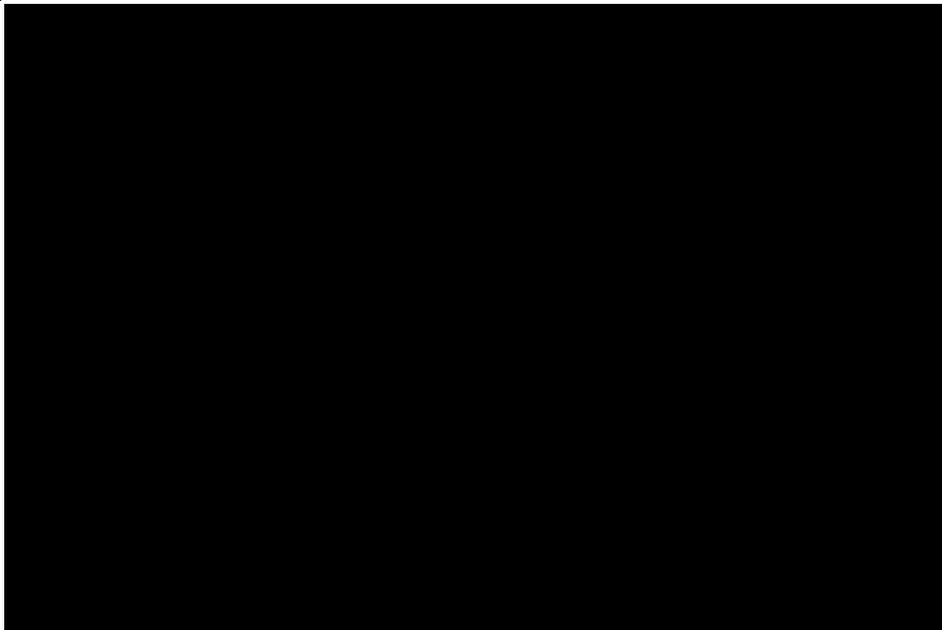
an extraordinary array of complex problems in a small space? And what has happened over the past years that has made these problems even more intractable than they were to begin with has been a massive consistent display of American weakness that the Russians have exploited, that the Iranians have exploited, that the Assad regime has exploited, that ISIS has exploited leading to the chaos we see in Syria and to a certain extent, in Iraq.” (Fox Business “Kennedy,” 10/10/16)

- **In A Separate Interview, Bolton Expanded, Saying He Believed The Issue In The Middle East Was Not Syria Or ISIS, But Rather “Iran And Its Path To Nuclear Weapons And Effort Through” Intermediaries, Including Assad, “To Gain Dominance” In The Region.** JOHN BOLTON: “Well, honestly, I disagree with both Trump and Pence on Syria. The issue in the Middle East is not the Assad regime, the issue isn't even really ISIS. The issue is Iran and its path to nuclear weapons and effort through the Assad regime, through Hezbollah, through Hamas, to gain dominance. The missiles that Iran supplied to the Houthi rebels are the ones that were fired against the U.S. Destroyer. Let's be clear, if the real world impacted this, if they can close or raise insurance rates going through there to the Red Sea to Suez Canal, think of the economic impact that would have. This is the real world that we need to talk about.” (Fox Business “Mornings With Maria,” 10/10/16)

## RNC

**NOTE: In 2010, Bolton Endorsed The Candidacy Of Ann Wagner To Be Chair Of The Republican National Committee.** “Ann Wagner. Wagner's resume is impressive - former chair of the Missouri Republican party, ambassador to Luxembourg - but what really recommends her to the committee and its members is her fundraising capacity. In announcing his endorsement of her candidacy, former U.N. ambassador and potential 2012 presidential candidate John Bolton praised Wagner's ‘long track record of raising money and winning elections.’” (Chris Cilliza, “In Race To Lead The RNC, Prospects Emerge From Unsettled Field,” [The Washington Post's The Fix](#) 12/27/10)

## GENERAL CONTROVERSY



## CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

### ***In 2014, Bolton Advocated For The Defunding Of The UN High Commissioner For Human Rights***

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### ***2009 C-PAC Joke About Nuking Chicago***

**While Bolton Was Critiquing Obama's Iran Policy At The 2009 C-PAC, He Made A Joke About How Maybe The President Would Take The Iranian Nuclear Threat More Seriously If They Took Out One American City, Mentioning Specifically Chicago.** "'The fact is on foreign policy I don't think President Obama thinks it's a priority,' said Bolton. 'He said during the campaign he thought Iran was a tiny threat. Tiny, tiny depending on how many nuclear weapons they are ultimately able to deliver on target. Its, uh, its tiny compared to the Soviet Union, but is the loss of one American city' here Bolton changes his tone subtly to prepare for the joke 'pick one at random Chicago is that a tiny threat?'" (Jonathan Stein, "John Bolton At CPAC The Benefits Of Nuking Chicago," [Mother Jones](#), 2/26/09)

## ***Controversy Surrounding Bolton's 2005 Appointment***

### **Bolton's Nomination For The Ambassador To The UN Was Blocked Twice**

**During June 2005, Senate Democrats Twice Blocked Bolton's Nomination For Ambassador Of The UN.** "For the second time in a month, Senate Democrats blocked a vote on Monday evening on the nomination of John R. Bolton to be ambassador to the United Nations, raising the possibility that President Bush will circumvent the confirmation process and appoint Mr. Bolton when Congress recesses." (Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "Democrats Block A Vote On Bolton For The Second Time," [The New York Times](#), 6/21/05)

### **Accusations Of Bullying Subordinates**

**In 2005, "State Department Officials Accused [Bolton] Of Berating Career Officials And Analysts Who Challenged His Views..."** "Bolton, an outspoken conservative who had often criticized the United Nations, triggered controversy from the moment Bush nominated him March 8. State Department officials accused him of berating career officials and analysts who challenged his views, and of selectively choosing intelligence to support his assertions about the dangers posed by Cuba and other nations." (Charles Babington And Dafna Linzer, "Bolton May Accept Recess Appointment," [The Washington Post](#), 7/13/05)

**In 2005, USA Today Reported That Bolton "Threw A File Folder And A Tape Dispenser At An American Business Woman In Moscow, Disparaged Her Weight And Alleged She Was Gay In An Attempt To Get Her To Withdraw Criticism Of A Foreign-Aid Project..."** "The Bush administration's nominee to be ambassador to the United Nations once threw a file folder and a tape dispenser at an American businesswoman in Moscow, disparaged her weight and alleged she was gay in an attempt to get her to withdraw criticism of a foreign-aid project, the woman said Wednesday." (Barbara Slavin, "Woman Accuses Bolton Of Harassment," [USA Today](#), 4/21/05)

### **Controversy Surrounding Bolton Documents**

**During Bolton's Confirmation Hearings, Democrats Demanded To See Two Sets Of Documents; One Involved National Security Intercepts Of Conversations, The Other Involving Syria And Whether Bolton Misled Lawmakers.** "Since then, the impasse has focused on Democrats' demands to see two sets of documents related to Bolton's State Department work. One involves national security intercepts of conversations. Democrats want to know whether Bolton was seeking secret information on rivals in the intelligence and foreign policy communities. The other documents involve Syria and questions of whether Bolton misled lawmakers about his role in compiling them." (Charles Babington And Dafna Linzer, "Bolton May Accept Recess Appointment," [The Washington Post](#), 7/13/05)

**The White House Refused To Turn Over These Documents.** "Democrats were also angry about caustic comments by Mr. Bolton regarding the United Nations and about the White House refusal to turn over documents related to his State Department service. In the 1990's, he said several floors of United Nations headquarters could be lopped off without being missed." (Elisabeth Bumiller And Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "President Sends Bolton To U.N. Bypasses Senate," [The New York Times](#), 9/2/05)

### **Bolton's Controversial Comments On The UN**

**In 1997, John Bolton Said The US Should "Absolutely Not" Pay Dues To The UN.** CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: "Now, two views. John Bolton was Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs in the Bush administration. He's now senior vice president of the American Enterprise Institute, a non-profit research organization. And Alvin Adams is a career diplomat and former ambassador who now serves as president of the United Nations Association, a private organization that promotes the U.S. role at the U.N.. Thank you both for joining us. Starting with you, Mr. Bolton, should the United States pay its U.N. dues now?" JOHN BOLTON: "Absolutely not. I think the most important thing to understand about this current debate is that there really is no financial crisis at the United Nations. What we do face is a crisis of U.N. legitimacy. There are serious questions about the role of governance, the functioning of the United Nations within the United States that are not resolved. The United States has

made a number of proposals over the years about reform in the U.N., about its proper role and governance that have not been taken up. And Congress has used basically the only weapon that it has, withholding U.S. contributions. Until these fundamental issues that go to the legitimacy of the U.N. are resolved, however, I think it would be a mistake simply to pay up and hope for the best.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#) 2/13/97)

**In 1997, John Bolton Said UN Staff Cuts Have Not “Been Substantial Enough” And That “Many More Things Could Be Done” To Reform The UN.** JOHN BOLTON: “First, let me say I think that the reforms that have been undertaken in the past four or five years have been pitifully inadequate. I don’t think the inspector general’s office has proven itself strong. I don’t think the staff cuts have been substantial enough. I think there are many, many more things that could be done.” CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: “For example?” JOHN BOLTON: “But I would stress that this is not simply a bean counting exercise. This has to do not only with what the secretary general may propose in his reform plan but what the other member governments want to do too. And I think it needs to be understood that it’s not simply a problem with the secretariat. It’s a problem with many other member governments that have tried to count on the U.S. paying 25 percent of the total cost to the U.N. and 31 percent for peacekeeping as a kind of entitlement to the organization. That’s not going to fly anymore.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#) 2/13/97)

**In 1997, Bolton Said “Virtually Nothing Has Been Done That’s Important” At The UN.** “CHARLAYNE HUNTER-GAULT: “Now, Mr. Adams is saying that enough has been done to release the to pay the debt. Why isn’t that enough to pay some of the debt?” JOHN BOLTON: “Virtually nothing has been done that’s important. The U.N.’s budget process from the U.S. point of view has essentially broken down. The idea that 120 members, 2/3 of the general assembly, can essentially do what they want I think is just not acceptable to majorities of members of Congress. Let me give you one very recent example. The United States was recently excluded for the first time in U.N. history from the 16-member budget committee that makes key decisions about the U.N. budget. I believe that the decision of the general assembly to exclude the United States from that budget committee was petulant and short-sighted, and it materially impedes the ability of the United States to make its views on the budget known. That may not be well understood among the general public, but I can assure you it’s extremely well understood by the authorizers and appropriators on Capitol Hill. And it will have an impact.” (“The Clinton Agenda United Nations And Dues Owed,” [PBS NewsHour](#) 2/13/97)

**In 1994, Bolton Said “There Is No Such Thing As The United Nations” And That The “Only Real Power Left IN The World” Is The United States.** “In 1994, Bolton said, “There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is an international community that occasionally can be led by the only real power left in the world, and that’s the United States, when it suits our interest and when we can get others to go along.” (“President Bush Nominates John Bolton As U.S. Ambassador To U.N.” [PBS NewsHour](#) 3/8/05)

**In The 1990s Bolton Made A Remark Suggesting That Several Floors Of The UN Could Be “Lopped Off Without Being Missed.”** “Democrats were also angry about caustic comments by Mr. Bolton regarding the United Nations and about the White House refusal to turn over documents related to his State Department service. In the 1990's, he said several floors of United Nations headquarters could be lopped off without being missed.” (Elisabeth Bumiller And Sheryl Gay Stolberg, “President Sends Bolton To U.N. Bypasses Senate,” [The New York Times](#), 9/2/05)

### **Ahead Of Bolton’s Appointment, He Began Efforts To Double The Office Space Reserved At The State Department For The Ambassador To The UN**

**Before His Appointment, Bolton “Began Efforts To Double The Office Space Reserved Within The State Department For The Ambassador To The United Nations...”** “Two months ago, while his confirmation was in trouble, Bolton began efforts to double the office space reserved within the State Department for the ambassador to the United Nations, according to three senior department officials who were involved in handling the request. Previous ambassadors have kept a small staff in Washington in a modest suite. Bolton told several colleagues he needs more space and a larger staff in Washington

because, if confirmed, he intends to spend more time here than his predecessors did. 'Bolton isn't going to sit in New York while policy gets made in Washington,' the administration source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the source lacks authorization to discuss this on the record. But Bolton's efforts to obtain more space have encountered resistance. Two colleagues said Bolton's request was inappropriate because he had not been confirmed." (Charles Babington And Dafna Linzer, "Bolton May Accept Recess Appointment," [The Washington Post](#), 7/13/05)

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### **Bolton Was Appointed As Ambassador To The UN In A Recess Appointment**

**In September 2005, Bolton Was Installed As Ambassador To The UN Using A Recess Appointment, "A Backdoor Procedure That Permits The President To Fill Vacant Positions When The Senate Is In Recess..."** "President Bush bypassed the Senate and installed John R. Bolton as his ambassador to the United Nations on Monday over strong Democratic objections that he was abusing power and undermining the credibility of the United States. In a brief announcement in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Mr. Bush said he had been forced to act because the United States had gone for more than six months without an ambassador to the United Nations. It was the first time since the United Nations' founding in 1945 that the United States has filled that post using a recess appointment, a backdoor procedure that permits the president to fill vacant positions when the Senate is in recess, as it is for August." (Elisabeth Bumiller And Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "President Sends Bolton To U.N. Bypasses Senate," [The New York Times](#), 9/2/05)

**At The Time, Bolton Was The "The Highest-Ranking Of The 106 People That Mr. Bush Has Put Into Jobs By Recess Appointment..."** "Mr. Bolton is by far the highest-ranking of the 106 people that Mr. Bush has put into jobs by recess appointment during five and a half years in office. Among them were Otto J. Reich, the strongly anti-Communist assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs, who was appointed in January 2002 and served until the end of Congress that year. Charles W. Pickering Sr. and William Pryor went to federal appeals courts in 2004 in recess appointments." (Elisabeth Bumiller And Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "President Sends Bolton To U.N. Bypasses Senate," [The New York Times](#), 9/2/05)

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***In 1970, Bolton Admitted That He Had No Desire To Fight In The Vietnam War And Instead Enlisted In The National Guard***

**Bolton Said He “Had No Desire To Die In A Southeast Asian Rice Paddy” And Enlisted In The National Guard Instead.** “Though Bolton supported the Vietnam War, he declined to enter combat duty, instead enlisting in the National Guard and attending law school after his 1970 graduation. ‘I confess I had no desire to die in a Southeast Asian rice paddy,’ Bolton wrote of his decision in the 25th reunion book. ‘I considered the war in Vietnam already lost.’” (Ross Goldberg And Sam Kahn, “Bolton s Conservative Ideology Has Roots In Yale Experience,” [Yale Daily News](#), 4/28/05)

## POLITICAL ACTIVITY

### *Political Affiliation*

**According To GOP Data Center, John Bolton Is A Registered Republican In Bethesda, Maryland.** ([GOP Data Center](#), Accessed 11/30/16)

VOTER INFO		
<u>Registration Status</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	
Registered	4/17/1986	
<u>Official Party</u>	<u>Observed Party</u>	<u>Calculated Party</u>
Republican	N/A	1 - Hard Republican
<u>Absentee Status</u>	<u>Primary Absentee</u>	<u>General Absentee</u>
No Data Provided	No Data Provided	AB Request
<u>State Reported Ethnicity</u>	<u>Modeled Ethnicity</u>	<u>Observed Ethnicity</u>
No Data Provided	White / Caucasian	No Data Provided

**According To Lexis, John Bolton Is Not A Registered Voter.** (Lexis, Accessed 11/30/16)

**Voter Registrations - 0 records found**

### *Lobbying*

**No Records Found.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

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**No lobbying income or spending found.**

### *Revolving Door*

**No Records Found.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 11/30/16)

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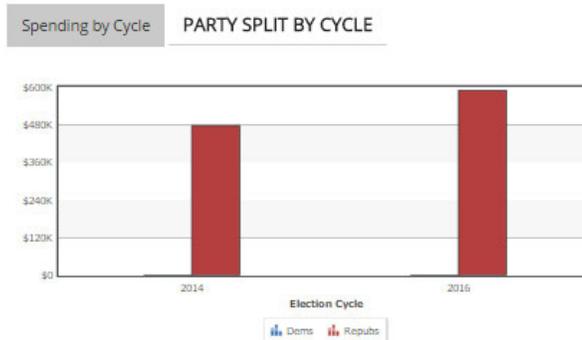
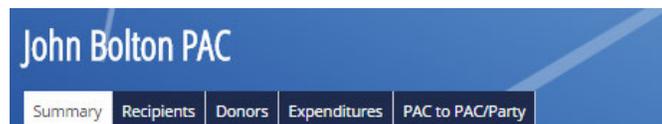
## POLITICAL DONATIONS

**Bolton Has Not Donated To Any Democrats.** ([Center For Responsive Politics](#) 12/1/16)

### ***Bolton PAC***

**Since 2013, Bolton Has Had A Super PAC Registered With The FEC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

**In The 2016 Cycle, Bolton's Super PAC Spent \$3,584,416 On Republican Senate And House Races.**  
([Center For Responsive Politics](#) Accessed 12/1/16)



### 2016 PAC Summary Data

Select a Cycle: 2016

Total Receipts	\$3,926,168
Total Spent	\$3,584,416
Begin Cash on Hand	\$374,339
End Cash on Hand	\$716,091
Debts	\$0
Date of last report	October 19, 2016

## BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

### ***Bankruptcy***

**No Records Found.** (Lexis, Accessed 11/30/16)

**Bankruptcy Information - 0 records found**

### ***Liens***

**No Records Found.** (Lexis, Accessed 11/30/16)

☐ **Judgments/Liens - 0 records found**

### ***Fox News Channel***

**Bolton Is A Regular On-Air Contributor To Fox News Channel And Fox Business Network.** “He is also a contributor to Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network, and his op-ed articles are regularly featured in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times.” (“John Bolton,” [Washington Speakers Bureau](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

### ***Mitt Romney***

**Bolton Served As A Foreign Policy Advisor To Mitt Romney’s 2012 Presidential Campaign.** “John Bolton, the former U.N. Ambassador under Bush who is said to be one of the only top foreign policy advisers Romney actually listens to, wrote a Wall Street Journal Op ed in March of 2011 attacking the ICC and Obama, when Obama came out in support of the U.N. Security Council decision to refer Libya’s Moammar Gadhafi to the ICC for prosecution. Bolton wrote that the ICC is ‘one of the world’s most illegitimate multilateral institutions,’ adding that invoking it was an ‘abdication of responsibility’ on Obama’s part.” (Greg Sarget, Opinion, “Romney Embraces World Court, Which Top Adviser John Bolton Disparaged,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/1/16)

### ***Freedom Capital Investment Management***

**In September 2015, Bolton Joined Freedom Capital Investment Management As A “Senior Advisor.”** “Freedom Capital Investment Management, the nation’s first American Impact Investing firm, announced former US Ambassador John Bolton has joined the team as a Senior Advisor. He will be responsible for advising the firm on international security and financial and political risks.” (Press Release, “Freedom Capital Appoints Bolton As Senior Advisor,” [Freedom Capital](#) 9/30/15)

**Freedom Capital “Is Dedicated To American Impact Investing,” A Philosophy Of Investing In “Opportunities That Promote Prosperity, Security, And Freedom For The U.S. And Its Allies.”** “Freedom Capital Investment Management is dedicated to American Impact Investing. Freedom Capital’s mission is to wisely invest capital in opportunities that promote prosperity, security, and freedom for the U.S. and its allies. Freedom Capital believes that the current agenda driven investment landscape represented by Socially Responsible Investing / Impact Investing is disproportionately focused on liberal ideals and does not currently represent the investment objectives of millions of American Investors. Freedom Capital offers investment vehicles that enable the many of investors whose beliefs are not currently represented a new brand of impact investing American Impact: Investing in prosperity, security and freedom.” (“About Us,” [Freedom Capital](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

### ***Jewish Institute For National Security Affairs***

**According To His Biographic Summary From His Confirmation Hearing, Bolton Was A Member Of The Jewish Institute For National Security Affairs’ Advisory Board From 1994 To 2001.** “Member, Subcommittee on International Law, Federalist Society, 1999–2001” (Committee On Foreign Relations, “The Nomination Of John R. Bolton To Be U.S. Representative To The United Nations With Rank Of Ambassador And U.S. Representative To The United Nations Security Council...,” [U.S. Senate](#) 5/18/05)

### ***National Rifle Association***

**Then-NRA President David Keene Appointed Bolton As The Chairman Of The NRA Board’s International Affairs Subcommittee In 2011.** “Meanwhile, I recently created a special International Affairs Subcommittee of the NRA Board’s Legislative Policy Committee and appointed Ambassador Bolton as its chairman. He may not be in the State Department anymore, but he’s as dedicated to preserving the Second Amendment as any NRA member and will be advising us on strategy as we confront our opponents in this newly dangerous forum.” (David A. Keene, “We Must Protect Our Firearm Freedoms From Foreign And Domestic Threats,” [Club Connection](#) 2011)

## ***Gatestone Institute***

**Bolton Has Served As The Chairman Of The Gatestone Institute Since July 2013.** “Gatestone Institute ([www.gatestoneinstitute.org](http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org)), a think tank dedicated to educating the public about the American ideals of freedom and democracy around the world, announced today that Ambassador John R. Bolton will serve as Chairman.” (Press Release, “Former UN Ambassador John R. Bolton Joins Gatestone Institute As Chairman,” [Gatestone Institute](http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org), 7/17/13)

## ***Federalist Society***

**According To His Biographic Summary From His Confirmation Hearing, Bolton Was A Member Of The Federalist Society’s Subcommittee On International Law From 1999 To 2001.** “Member, Subcommittee on International Law, Federalist Society, 1999–2001” (Committee On Foreign Relations, “The Nomination Of John R. Bolton To Be U.S. Representative To The United Nations With Rank Of Ambassador And U.S. Representative To The United Nations Security Council...,” [U.S. Senate](http://www.senate.gov) 5/18/05)

## ***Project For A New American Century***

**According To His Biographic Summary From His Confirmation Hearing, Bolton Was A Member Of The Project For A New American Century’s Board Of Directors From 1989 To 2001.** “Member, Subcommittee on International Law, Federalist Society, 1999–2001” (Committee On Foreign Relations, “The Nomination Of John R. Bolton To Be U.S. Representative To The United Nations With Rank Of Ambassador And U.S. Representative To The United Nations Security Council...,” [U.S. Senate](http://www.senate.gov) 5/18/05)

## ***Friends Of Israel Initiative***

**Bolton Is Listed As A Founding Member Of The Friends Of Israel Initiative.** “John R. Bolton is the former US Representative to the United Nations. Bolton has served in several Republican presidential administrations. Bolton is currently a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Fox News commentator, and of counsel to the law firm Kirkland & Ellis, in their Washington D.C. office.” (“Founding Members,” [Friends Of Israel Initiative](http://www.friends-of-israel.org) Accessed 11/26/16)

## ***Council On Foreign Relations***

**Bolton Is Listed As A Member Of The Council On Foreign Relations.** “Bolton, John R.” (“Membership Roster,” [Council On Foreign Relations](http://www.cfr.org) Accessed 12/1/16)

## ***The Alexander Hamilton Society***

**Bolton Is Listed As A Member Of The Board Of Advisors Of The Alexander Hamilton Society.** “Ambassador John Bolton, American Enterprise Institute” (“Board Of Advisors,” [The Alexander Hamilton Society](http://www.alexanderhamiltonsociety.org), Accessed 12/1/16)

## ***New Atlantic Initiative***

**Bolton Served On The “International Advisory Board” For The New Atlantic Initiative.** “International Advisory Board...John Bolton\*” (“About NAI,” [American Enterprise Institute](http://www.aei.org) Accessed 3/11/08)

**The New Atlantic Initiative Was A “Public Policy Research Center” Launched In 1996 And Headquartered At The American Enterprise Institute, Designed To “Strengthen Atlantic Cooperation In The Post-Cold War World.”** “NAI’s central objective is to strengthen Atlantic cooperation in the post-cold war world by bringing together Americans and Europeans to work toward common goals, including: The reinvigoration of Atlantic institutions of political cooperation and consultation. The admission of Europe’s fledgling democracies into the institutions of Atlantic defense and European economic cooperation, notably NATO and the European Union. The establishment of free trade between an enlarged European Union and the North American Free Trade Area as a complement to strengthening global free trade. NAI also sponsors conferences, debates, and roundtable discussions in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere. History; The New Atlantic Initiative was launched May 10-12, 1996, at the Congress of Prague, where over 300 political, intellectual, and business leaders gathered to debate the

new agenda for transatlantic relations. In June 1996, NAI was established as a public policy research center. It is headquartered at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.” (“About NAI,” [American Enterprise Institute](#) Accessed 3/11/08)

### ***Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.***

**In January 2007, Bolton Was Named To The Board Of Directors Of Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.** “Jan. 30, 2007--Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE:DO) today announced that it has appointed John R. Bolton to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Bolton's distinguished career spans over 30 years in government service and the legal profession.” (Press Release, “Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. Announces Board Appointment,” [Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.](#), 1/30/07)

**According To Diamond Offshore’s Website, Bolton Is Still On The Board Of Directors, And Serves On The Board’s Audit Committee.** (“Board Committees,” [Diamond Offshore](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

**Diamond Offshore Provides “Contract Drilling Services To The Energy Industry Around The Globe.”** “Diamond Offshore is a leader in offshore drilling, providing contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe with a total fleet of 28 offshore drilling rigs, consisting of 19 semisubmersibles, four dynamically positioned drillships, and five jack-ups.” (“About Diamond Offshore,” [Diamond Offshore](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

### ***EMS Technologies***

**In July 2009, Bolton Joined The Board Of Directors Of EMS Technologies.** “The Board of Directors of EMS Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELMG) announces that the Honorable John R. Bolton, formerly United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, has been appointed to the Company’s Board.” (Press Release, “John R. Bolton Joins The Board Of EMS Technologies,” [EMS Technologies](#) 7/27/09)

**EMS, “A Maker Of Systems For Mobile Networks And Satellites,” Was Acquired By Honeywell In 2011.** “Honeywell International said on Monday that it had agreed to acquire EMS Technologies, a maker of systems for mobile networks and satellites, for \$506 million in cash.” (“Honeywell To Buy EMS Technologies,” [The New York Times’ Dealbook](#) 6/13/11)

### ***Arizona Chemical Limited***

**Bolton Was Appointed To The Board Of Directors Of AZ Chem Investments LLC In January 2010.** “John R. Bolton has been a member of the Board of Managers of AZ Chem Investments LLC since January 20, 2010.” (“Form S 1,” [Securities And Exchange Commission](#) Accessed 12/1/16)

**Arizona Chemical Company Manufactures And “Biorefin[es]” Pine Chemicals.** “Arizona Chemical Company, LLC is engaged in manufacturing and biorefining pine chemicals. The company provides natural pine-based materials to customers in various markets, including adhesives, roads and construction, inks, coatings, tires and rubber, lubricants, fuel additives, and mining.” (“Company Overview Of Arizona Chemical Company LLC,” [Bloomberg](#), Accessed 12/1/16)

### ***TRACON Pharmaceuticals***

**Bolton Served On The Board Of Directors At RACON Pharmaceuticals As Early As 2007.** “John R. Bolton, J.D.; Director; John R. Bolton currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. His portfolio includes Foreign Policy and International Organizations.” (“Board Of Directors,” [TRACON Pharma](#), Accessed 10/5/07)

**At The Time, TRACON Described Itself As “A Biotechnology Company Developing Targeted Therapies For Cancer And Related Diseases.”** “TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biotechnology company developing targeted therapies for cancer and related diseases. We address unmet needs in this arena with product candidates that focus on cellular targets primarily implicated in cancer growth and angiogenesis. Currently, TRACON is focused on the development of several drug candidates fitting this profile, all of which are at an early stage of development.” (“Company Overview,” [TRACON Pharma](#) Accessed 10/6/07)