

# Reforming the EPA: A lot already done, a lot more to do

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## Background

- Founded 1984 and located in Washington, DC
- \$8 million annual budget
- Thirty-five staff
- Issue analysis, policy formation, advocacy, litigation
- Focus on regulatory issues: property rights, environmental, energy, financial, information technology, labor, telecommunications, nanny state, international trade, UN environmental treaties, constitutional federalism
- We fight to win.

# Where is CEI coming from?

- Non-profit, non-partisan public policy institute specializing in regulatory issues from a free market perspective.
- CEI accepts no government funding and depends entirely on the generosity of private individuals, foundations, and corporations.
- Freedom We support policies that advance the institutions of political and economic freedom.
- Objectivity We believe that the scientific and economic facts must be scrupulously respected, regardless of our political preferences.
- Life is a risk We reject the one-sided precautionary approach.

# Correlation of forces

- Sierra Club
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- World Wildlife Fund
- National Wildlife Federation
- Wilderness Society
- Greenpeace
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Friends of the Earth
- Center for Biological Diversity

**Total budget: <\$900 million!**

- CEI —6
- Heartland Institute—5
- Heritage Foundation—4
- Cato Institute—2
- American Enterprise Institute—1
- Institute for Energy Research—5
- Nat'l. Center for Public Policy Research—2
- Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow—3
- ALEC—2
- Other groups—fewer than 20

**Total staff: fewer than 50!**

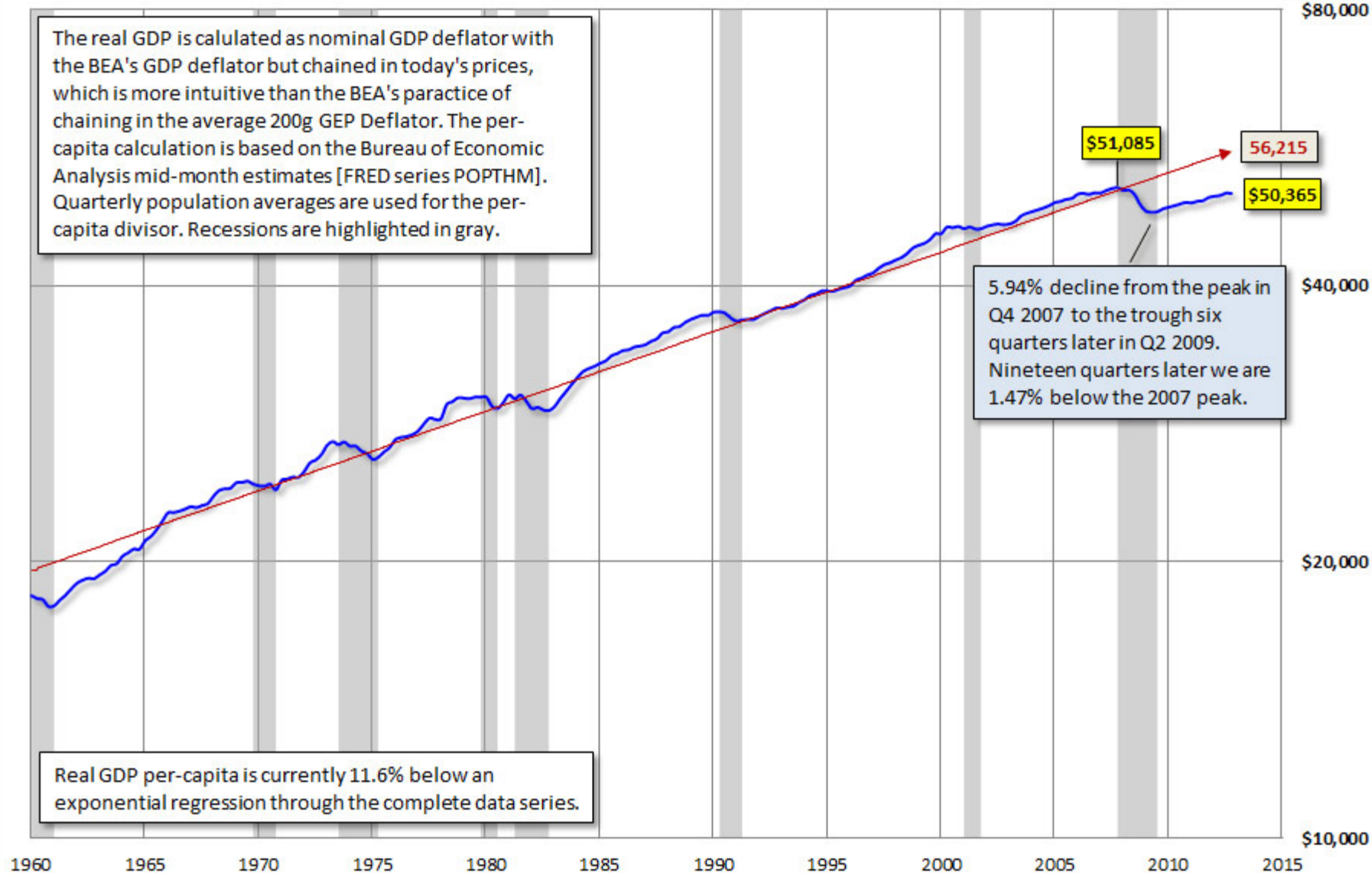
Data Through 2012  
Q4 Third Estimate

## Real GDP Per Capita With an Exponential Regression Trendline

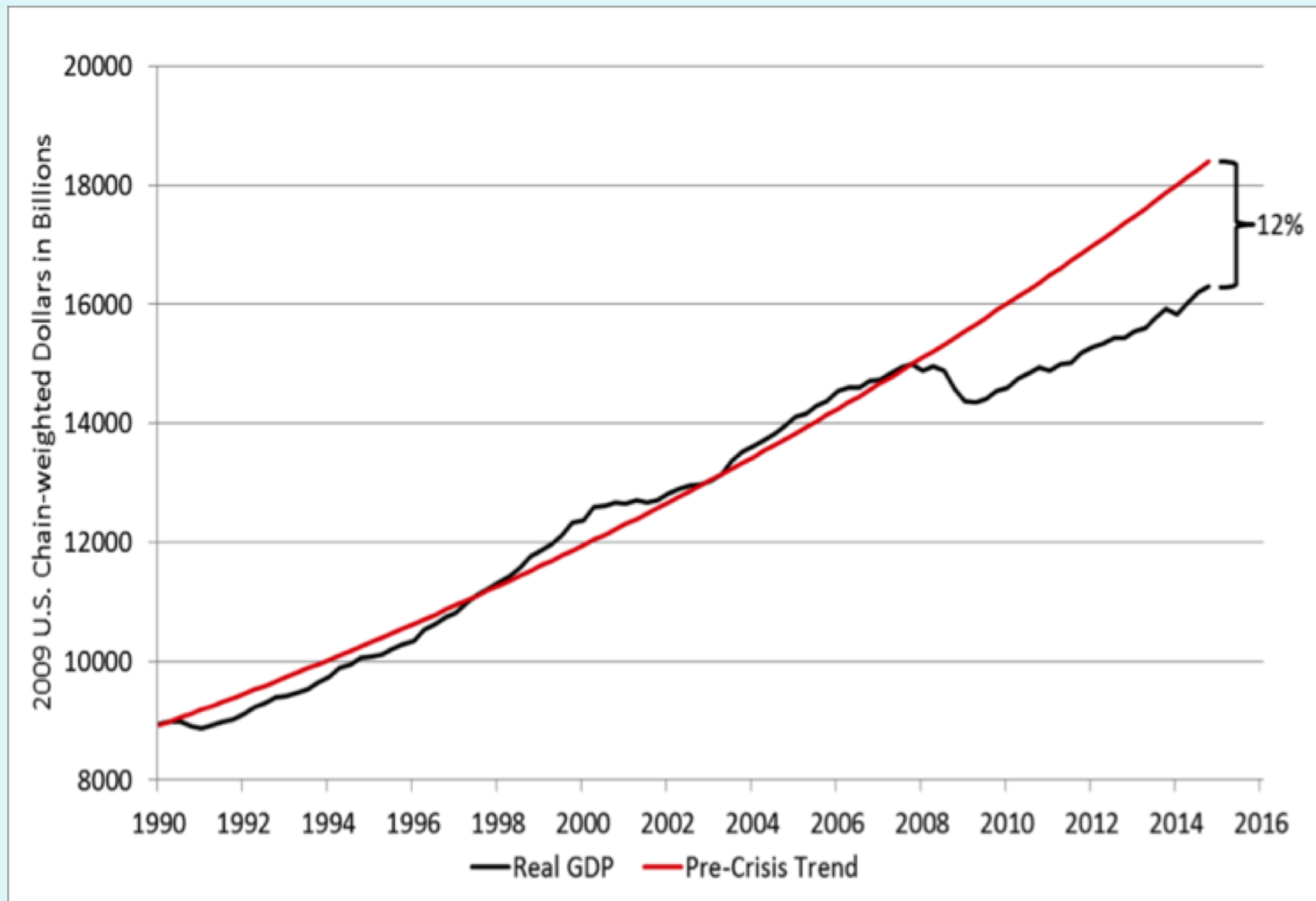
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Log Scale  
\$80,000

The real GDP is calculated as nominal GDP deflator with the BEA's GDP deflator but chained in today's prices, which is more intuitive than the BEA's practice of chaining in the average 200g GEP Deflator. The per-capita calculation is based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis mid-month estimates [FRED series POPTHM]. Quarterly population averages are used for the per-capita divisor. Recessions are highlighted in gray.

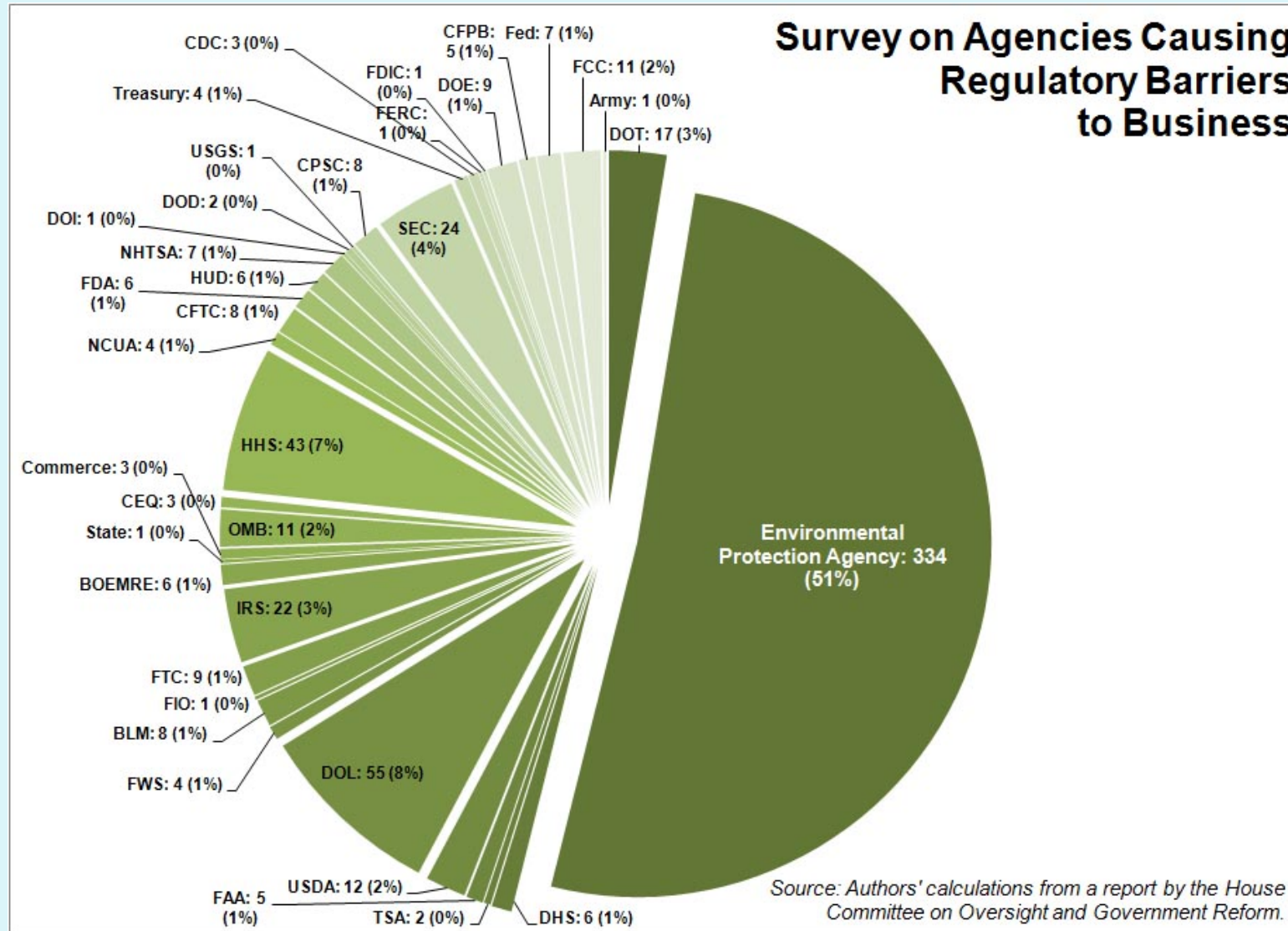


# The growth gap up close



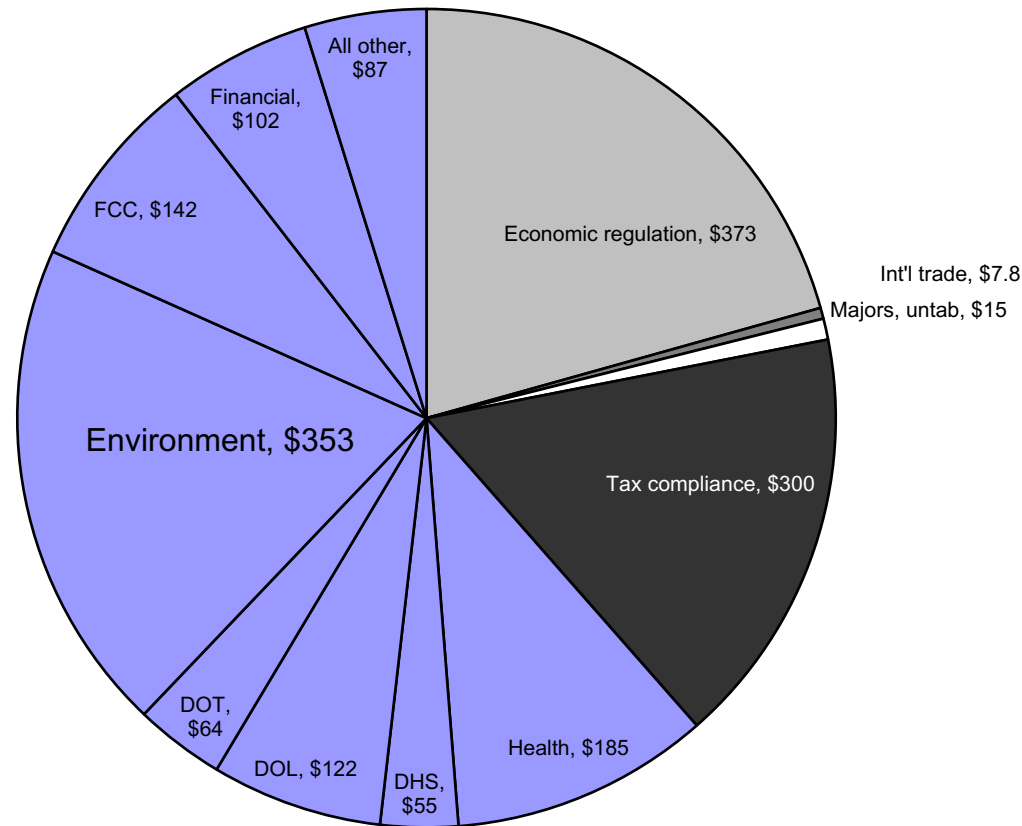


# 2011 survey by House Oversight Committee: EPA regulations hurt business most



# Annual Cost of Regulation: \$1.9 trillion

Source: Ten Thousand Commandments by Wayne Crews, CEI





# What is the goal of all the Obama climate regulations and policies?

- Organize the entire U. S. and global economies around programs to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; that is, around reducing use of coal, oil, and natural gas.
- Turn robust economies based on producing and using abundant, affordable energy (for example, Texas) into economies based on using much less, much more expensive energy (for example, California).

# What is the goal of all the Trump de-regulatory policies?



