

# All the President's Guests

The **UNAUTHORIZED** White House visitor logs

When the Trump White House announced in April [it would not disclose records of its visitors](#), the sharp break from precedent drew howls from the public and worries from transparency experts. From the POLITICO newsroom, it drew an idea: Let's build the records ourselves.

Within weeks, Jon McClure and Lily Mihalik of POLITICO's interactive news team worked with senior policy reporter Andrew Restuccia to design and develop an interactive tool tracking Donald Trump's visitors. Using public documents, media accounts, tips from readers, the president's tweets and our own reporting, the POLITICO team assembled the most comprehensive publicly available database of the president's interactions with visitors at the White House and satellite locations such as Mar-a-Lago.

POLITICO's "[Unauthorized White House Visitor Logs](#)" project represents modern newsroom collaboration at its very best: a team of technology-minded journalists working with traditional reporting values to bring transparency to our government. The sortable database allows visitors to track who the president met with and even supply their [own reporting](#) for us to verify. A [Twitter bot](#) allows the public to stay updated with new developments in the logs. Outside developers also have access to our underlying data, allowing further reporting beyond our own.

POLITICO's Visitor Logs project shows the power of technology to bring high-quality, high-impact reporting to the public. We are proud to submit it to SND.

**See the database [here](#)**

All the President's Guests: The Unauthorized White House Visitor Logs. An interactive tool allowing visitors to track who the president met with.

**Read the accompanying story [here](#)**

Description: Analysis: Who has Trump's ear? Often rich, white, Republican men.

**See the twitter bot (hard at work) [here](#)**

The team created a Twitter account that shares updates with the public as the logs are updated.