



Ron Paul Officially Sells Out

SYNOPSIS

- Ron Paul can be seen on television broadcasting his fears for the future of the U.S. economy in a series of advertisements on financial news networks.
- What he conveniently fails to mention is that he has joined forces with Stansberry Research, and their real goal is to sell books and newsletters.
- Stansberry Research has a past that is as sketchy as it gets, which includes SEC fraud charges and over 70 complaints listed at the Better Business Bureau.

RON PAUL'S DOOMSDAY

Ron Paul is a former U.S. congressman and father to Rand Paul, a presidential candidate for the Republican party, who now spends his time these days on television proclaiming his concern for the future of America. His goal is to get you to visit a website where he then explains why the future for the U.S. economy is doomed.

At first, I felt bad for Ron Paul because I had assumed that he simply fell victim to the fear mongers of the world, particularly given the amount of sincerity he displays on TV. However, after visiting the website he promotes during the ad, my remorse immediately turned to disgust.

The website automatically plays a video portraying an interview with Ron Paul conducted by Jared Kelly with Stansberry Research. The video is well directed with a backdrop similar to a nationally syndicated news episode, but it ultimately is nothing more than a few minutes of financial and economic absurdity.

In fact, the dialog is so out there, that within the first thirty seconds, the only thought that entered my mind was, "what are they trying to sell me?" By the end of the video, I quickly got my answer.

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Viewers are then taken to a page where they are encouraged to purchase a book from Stansberry Research, which is the same firm that hosted this ruse. This book apparently contains investment strategies to help investors profit from the end of the U.S. economy, including a "one-of-a-kind silver investment that could pay you 1,000%!" Then there's also a newsletter for a one-year subscription rate of \$49.50.

NOTE: *Since Mr. Kelly works for Stansberry Research, this "interview" is fake and nothing more than an infomercial being endorsed by Ron Paul.*

Having spent years on Wall Street working for two of the premier equity research firms in the world, I was curious why I had never heard of Stansberry Research. After doing a little homework, I learned some rather compelling facts about the firm.

Stansberry Research is a subsidiary of a holding company called Agora Inc. They are based out of



Baltimore, and the CEO is named Porter Stansberry. Agora has several other companies under its umbrella, and most appear to sell some form of investment newsletter.

Mr. Stansberry and his firm have quite a sketchy past, and here are just a few facts that should immediately discredit any information ever disseminated by them:

- **End of America:** Stansberry released a 77-minute video in 2010 that explained why the U.S. was going to collapse and why investors needed to stock up on canned food (yes he actually recommended canned food). His other recommendation involved buying gold and silver, which have both been decimated in value since. Oh, and last time I checked, America is still around.
- **History of Fraud:** The SEC filed a complaint against Mr. Stansberry back in 2003, declaring that he “engaged in an ongoing scheme to defraud public investors by disseminating false information in several internet newsletters,” which netted him over \$1 million in profits from selling subscriptions. In 2007, Stansberry was ordered to pay \$1.5 million in restitution and penalties for the scam. He appealed but lost.
- **Better Business Bureau (BBB):** Over the last three years, Stansberry Research has logged 72 complaints with the BBB, with 39 of these over the past 12 months. Complaints range from billing discrepancies to advertising and sales issues. In fact, the most recent complaint was just this past Monday (August 17, 2015) for overbilling.

The internet provides no protection to consumers against fraudsters and con artists. The tactics of fear mongers are easy to spot, because in the end, they are always trying to sell someone a book, newsletter, t-shirt, or whatever else they are peddling in order to make money.

The bottom line is that Ron Paul is a sell-out, and he can no longer be trusted or taken seriously by those who have supported him through his distinguished career.

Furthermore, Stansberry Research is nothing more than a scam that is designed to prey upon the fears of those who have worked so hard to build a nest egg. They have no regard for those they target, and they bear no accountability for the actions they take.

I strongly urge investors to visit the links below to learn more about Porter Stansberry, his firm, and the association to Ron Paul.

Investigative reporter Brian Deer’s assessment:

<http://briandeer.com/stansberry/stansberry-research-scam-1.htm>

Better Business Bureau: <http://www.bbb.org/greater-maryland/business-reviews/publishers-periodical/stansberry-and-associates-investment-research-in-baltimore-md-18012257/complaints>

Rand Paul distancing himself from his father:

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/ron-paul-ads-warn-of-financial-crisis-1432245027>

SEC complaint against Porter Stansberry and his

companies: <https://www.sec.gov/litigation/complaints/comp18090.htm>

Thought for the Week from July 2015 addressing the true motivations of fear mongers: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/87ffe49d001/ddc7f79f-59da-4a34-bb33-69ac62f3c2f2.pdf>

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