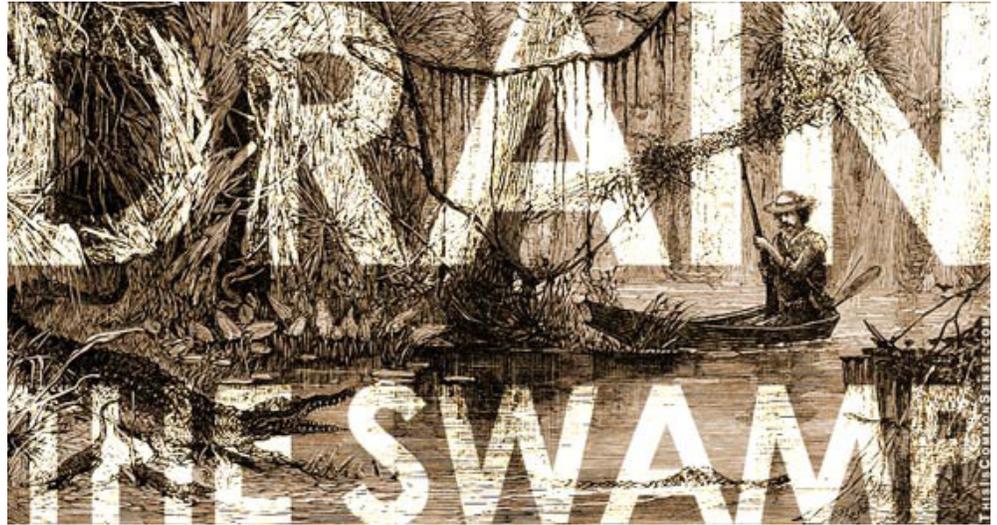


## Still at Large

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Blogger Paul Caron, dean of Pepperdine Law School, still counts the days since we learned that the IRS was blocking applications for nonprofit status from right-leaning groups at the behest of former IRS honcho Lois Lerner.



Now years later, the agency can still arbitrarily victimize any one of us. Nor have Lerner and other bad guys been brought to justice. Lerner collects a six-figure pension, instead.

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And so, on Day 1699, Caron highlighted Kimberly Strassel's proposal that President Trump make 2018 "the year of civil-service reform — a root-and-branch overhaul of the government itself. Call it Operation Drain the Swamp." Exhibit A? The IRS and civil "servants" like "Lois Lerner, the IRS official who used her powers to silence

conservative nonprofits."

And on Day 1709, Caron called our attention to Lerner's attempt to suppress a deposition she gave in June "for a civil suit that victims [of IRS targeting] brought in 2013." Lerner thinks we have no right to know why she felt justified in discriminating against applicants for tax-exempt status based on their political viewpoint.

Unfortunately, not everyone cares about justice as much as Caron.

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*And* the aftermath.

Uh huh. If only victims of the abuse of power would stop being so indelicate as to object!

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