

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2009

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2009 and ending 03-31-2010

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization: CATO INSTITUTE; Doing Business As; Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW; Room/suite; City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WASHINGTON, DC 200015403

D Employer identification number: 23-7432162; E Telephone number: (202) 842-0200; G Gross receipts \$ 32,194,413

F Name and address of principal officer: WILLIAM ERICKSON, 1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [] Yes [x] No; H(b) Are all affiliates included? [] Yes [] No; H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: [x] 501(c) (3) (Insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

J Website: WWW.CATO.ORG

K Form of organization: [x] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other; L Year of formation: 1977; M State of legal domicile: KS

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1. Mission statement; 2-7. Governance and activities; 8-12. Revenue; 13-19. Expenses; 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Sign Here: Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including a and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than of); Signature of officer: WILLIAM ERICKSON V.P. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature; Date; Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: WATKINS MEEGAN LLC, 7700 WISCONSIN AVENUE SUITE 500, BETHESDA, MD 20814

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructio

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE CATO INSTITUTE BROADENS THE UNDERSTANDING OF PUBLIC POLICIES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT, FREE MARKETS, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, AND PEACE

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 11,432,442 including grants of \$ 380,636) (Revenue \$ 0)
POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH - STUDY AND EXAMINATION OF AREAS SUCH AS HEALTH CARE, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT, TRADE POLICY, REGULATORY STUDIES, ENVIRONMENT, FOREIGN POLICY, AND DOMESTIC ISSUES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE LIBERTARIAN PHILOSOPHY AND IDEAS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 4,591,780 including grants of \$ 43,839) (Revenue \$ 542,795)
PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA - INCLUDES 28 POLICY ANALYSES, 3 DEVELOPMENT POLICY PAPERS, 5 TRADE POLICY PAPERS, 7 BRIEFING PAPERS ALSO 4 ISSUES OF REGULATION MAGAZINE, 4 ISSUES OF CATO JOURNAL, 12 AUDIO CD'S AND 12 BOOKS

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 2,195,755 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 559,070)
CONFERENCES AND FORUMS/SEMINARS - CATO SPONSORED 678 FORUMS AND SEMINARS WITH TOPICS INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES, LIMITED GOVERNMENT, HEALTH CARE, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY, FREE MARKETS, ENVIRONMENT, TERRORISM, AND DEFENSE

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 18,219,977

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	Yes	
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

<p>21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> </p>	<p>22</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i></p>	<p>24a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?</p>	<p>24b</p>		
<p>c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?</p>	<p>24c</p>		
<p>d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?</p>	<p>24d</p>		
<p>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i></p>	<p>25a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i></p>	<p>25b</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i></p>	<p>26</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i></p>	<p>27</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)</p>			
<p>a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28b</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28c</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> </p>	<p>30</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> </p>	<p>31</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i></p>	<p>32</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i></p>	<p>33</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i></p>	<p>34</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i></p>	<p>35</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i></p>	<p>36</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i></p>	<p>37</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O</p>	<p>38</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U S Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 177		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 190		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
10b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		No
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization TRISHA LINE 1000 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW WASHINGTON, DC 200015403 (202) 842-0200

1b Total	1,923,820	0	188,810
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶**26

		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NETWORK ALLIANCE INC 11130 SUNRISE VALLEY DRIVE RESTON, VA 20191	OUTSOURCED IT	404,795
RST MARKETING 1272 Corporate Park Road FOREST, VA 24551	PRINTING AND MAILING	414,209
AUTOMATED GRAPHICS SYSTEMS 8107 Bavaria Road MACEDONIA, OH 44056	PRINTING/FULFILLMENT	233,456
MARKER PRINTING AND GRAPHICS 4609 VALLEY FORGE DRIVE ROCKVILLE, MD 20853	PRINTING	219,115
PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP PO BOX 601240 CHARLOTTE, NC 28260	LEGAL SERVICES	475,685

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶**16

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b					
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	29,717,643				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 1,433,564					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	29,717,643				
Program Service Revenue	2a	CONFERENCES	900,099	559,070	559,070		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		559,070			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		45,198		45,198	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		26,039		26,039	
	6a		(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
		b	Gross Rents	654,772			
		c	Less rental expenses	0			
	d	Rental income or (loss)	654,772				
	e	Net rental income or (loss)		654,772		654,772	
	7a		(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
		b	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	673,440	0		
c		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	317,834	4,792			
d	Gain or (loss)	355,606	-4,792				
e	Net gain or (loss)		350,814		350,814		
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
b	Less direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0				
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
	b	Less cost of goods sold b	512,721				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		170,270	170,270		
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a	MISCELLANEOUS	900,099	1,495	1,495			
b	MAILING LIST SALES	900,004	4,035		4,035		
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		5,530				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		31,529,336	730,835	0	1,080,858	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	45,300	45,300		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	30,000	30,000		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	350,336	350,336		
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,203,627	699,086	292,060	212,481
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	7,511,562	6,549,515	376,047	586,000
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	334,282	286,936	17,427	29,919
9	Other employee benefits	769,231	648,532	62,821	57,878
10	Payroll taxes	583,442	491,209	43,894	48,339
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	460,100	455,554	4,516	30
c	Accounting	33,845		33,845	
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	88,272	18,943	68,690	639
g	Other	1,304,312	1,100,033	76,691	127,588
12	Advertising and promotion	682,660	676,191	284	6,185
13	Office expenses	2,838,902	2,316,581	269,860	252,461
14	Information technology	0			
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	960,917	814,866	73,961	72,090
17	Travel	1,463,686	1,323,410	8,695	131,581
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	490,597	468,441	21,533	623
20	Interest	10,560		10,560	
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	437,261	370,705	33,704	32,852
23	Insurance	84,868	394	84,473	1
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	CONTRIBUTION	750,000	750,000		
b	TAXES & LICENSES	366,750		351,449	15,301
c	HONORARIUM	281,143	281,143		
d	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS/BOOKS	259,738	204,671	12,247	42,820
e	FULFILLMENT	234,484	234,412		72
f	All other expenses	190,209	103,719	58,318	28,172
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	21,766,084	18,219,977	1,901,075	1,645,032
26	Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,000	1	1,000
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	16,480,138	2	11,548,656
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	956,310	3	7,278,671
	4 Accounts receivable, net	72,980	4	57,657
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	430,273	8	370,797
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	326,085	9	626,796
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	23,920,190		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	9,781,180		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	6,112,430	10c	14,139,010
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	2,872,614	11	3,283,868
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	95,759	14	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	27,347,589	15	330,504	
		16	37,636,959	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	790,436	17	1,120,693
	18 Grants payable	0	18	38,839
	19 Deferred revenue	90,589	19	141,781
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D	761,147	25	1,095,536
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,642,172	26	2,396,849
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	22,183,013	27	21,585,509
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,512,307	28	11,644,504
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	2,010,097	29	2,010,097
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	25,705,417	33	35,240,110	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	27,347,589	34	37,636,959	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
CATO INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

23-7432162

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	6,104,825	18,878,487	22,189,765	19,129,916	29,717,643	96,020,636
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	6,104,825	18,878,487	22,189,765	19,129,916	29,717,643	96,020,636
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						13,948,839
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						82,071,797

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6,104,825	810,675	22,189,765	19,129,916	29,717,643	96,020,636
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	136,283	810,675	873,269	461,421	22,839	2,304,487
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	2,137	5,741	10,126	7,704	5,530	31,238
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						98,356,361
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	3,004,384

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	83.443 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	91.760 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						

14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2009

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CATO INSTITUTE

Employer identification number 23-7432162

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

- a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	2,010,097	2,010,097			
b Contributions	0	0			
c Investment earnings or losses	4,536	42,254			
d Grants or scholarships	0	0			
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	4,536	42,254			
f Administrative expenses	0	0			
g End of year balance	2,010,097	2,010,097			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment %
- b** Permanent endowment 100.000 %
- c** Term endowment %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		9,901,037		9,901,037
b Buildings		10,570,015	7,684,340	2,885,675
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		3,694,138	2,096,840	1,597,298
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)				14,384,010

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	31,529,336
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	21,766,084
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	9,763,252
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-228,559
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-228,559
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	9,534,693

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	31,472,575
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	31,472,575
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	48,398
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	8,363
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	56,761
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	31,529,336

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	21,937,882
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	220,196
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	220,196
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	21,717,686
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	48,398
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	48,398
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	21,766,084

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
INTENDED USE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS	SCHEDULE D, PART V, QUESTION 4	TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF CATO'S CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE ANNUAL EARNINGS OF THE ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS
OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED ON RETURN NOT ON BOOKS	SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 4B	REALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS 355,606 COST OF GOODS SOLD (342,451) LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS (4,792) ----- \$8,363
OTHER EXPENSES INCLUDED ON LINE 1, NOT ON FORM 990	SCHEDULE D, PART XIII, LINE 2D	REALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS 355,606 COST OF GOODS SOLD (342,451) LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS (4,792) UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS (228,559) ----- \$220,196

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
East Asia and the Pacific	0	0	Grantmaking		2,000
Russia and the Newly Independent States	0	0	Grantmaking		320,000
South Asia	0	0	Grantmaking		12,966
Europe (Including Iceland and Greenland)	0	0	Grantmaking		67,000
South America	0	0	Grantmaking		20,000
South America	0	1	Program Services	CONFERENCE/WEBSITE	39,414
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grantmaking		8,370
Totals ▶	0	1			469,750

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**

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**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ **Attach to Form 990**

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
DUKE UNIVERSITY	560532129	501(C)(3)	45,000	0	N/A	N/A	promote ind liberty

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations	1
3 Enter total number of other organizations	0

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		No
4b	Yes	
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
9		

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
EDWARD H CRANE	(i) (ii)	444,000 0			22,050	10,502	476,552 0	
WILLIAM A NISKANEN	(i) (ii)	174,800 0			12,236	2,617	189,653 0	
DAVID BOAZ	(i) (ii)	237,000 0			16,590	5,267	258,857 0	
WILLIAM ERICKSON	(i) (ii)	165,973 0			12,005	9,415	187,393 0	
WILLIAM LINDSEY	(i) (ii)	181,552 0			13,020	10,502	205,074 0	
ROGER PILON	(i) (ii)	167,217 0			12,145	10,502	189,864 0	
TED CARPENTER	(i) (ii)	167,800 0			11,746	2,199	181,745 0	
JAGADEESH GOKHALE	(i) (ii)	155,428 0			11,165	9,415	176,008 0	
ANDREI ILLARIONOV	(i) (ii)	158,250 0			7,913	5,267	171,430 0	

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Deferred Compensation Plan	Schedule J, Line 4b	No contribution was made during fiscal year 3/31/2010 to the President's deferred compensation plan

SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

NonCash Contributions

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30. Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

Table with 4 columns: (a) Check if applicable, (b) Number of Contributions, (c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, (d) Method of determining revenues. Rows include Art, Books, Cars, Securities, Real estate, etc.

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement 29 1

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 30a, 31, 32a, 33 regarding contribution reporting and policies.

Part II

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	PART VI, SECTION A, QUESTION 11A	DRAFT DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO FINALIZATION
MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	PART VI, SECTION B, QUESTION 12C	CATO REVIEWS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES IF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, THE DIRECTOR WITH THE CONFLICT IS REQUIRED TO CORRECT THE SITUATION OR STEP DOWN FROM THE BOARD
PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION	PART VI, SECTION B, QUESTION 15B	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR REVIEWS COMPENSATION/BENEFITS THE BOARD DISCUSSES AND APPROVES EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION/BENEFITS BASED ON RESULTS OF THE INDEPENDENT STUDY
DOES THE ORGANIZATION HAVE MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS?	PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	CATO INSTITUTE WAS ORGANIZED AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF KANSAS AND HAS FOUR SHAREHOLDERS EACH SHAREHOLDER HOLDS 16 SHARES, WHICH TOTAL 64 SHARES OF THE 1,000 SHARES AUTHORIZED
MEMBERS, STOCKHOLDERS OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY ELECT THE GOVERNING BODY	PART VI, SECTION A, QUESTION 7A	CATO INSTITUTE'S SHAREHOLDERS ELECT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE BOARD DETERMINES THE GOVERNING COMMITTEES
DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY SUBJECT TO APPROVAL	PART VI, SECTION A, QUESTION 7B	SHAREHOLDERS ELECT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAY REMOVE DIRECTORS WITH A MAJORITY VOTE
HOW THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	PART VI, SECTION C, QUESTION 19	CATO'S BYLAWS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS THEM FURTHER, CATO HAS ALWAYS COMPLIED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLY, WITH THE MANDATE THAT FORM 990 BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Fellow			
FRANK BOND DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
RICHARD J DENNIS DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
JOHN C MALONE DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
DAVID H PADDEN DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
LEWIS E RANDALL DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
HOWARD S RICH DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
JEFFREY YASS DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
FRED YOUNG DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
EDWARD H CRANE PRESIDENT	40.0	X		X			444,000	0	32,552	
ETHELMAE C HUMPHREYS DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
DAVID H KOCH DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
WILLIAM A NISKANEN CHAIRMAN EMERITUS	40.0	X		X			174,800	0	14,853	
DONALD G SMITH DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
ROBERT A LEVY CHAIRMAN	2.5	X		X			0	0	0	
K TUCKER ANDERSEN DIRECTOR	2.5	X					0	0	0	
DAVID BOAZ EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	40.0			X			237,000	0	21,857	
WILLIAM ERICKSON VP OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	40.0			X			165,973	0	21,420	
ANTHONY PRYOR SECRETARY/DIR OF ADMIN	40.0			X			71,800	0	4,254	
WILLIAM LINDSEY VP RESEARCH	40.0				X		181,552	0	23,522	
ROGER PILON VP for Legal Affairs	40.0				X		167,217	0	22,647	
TED CARPENTER VP DEFENSE & FOREIGN POLICY	40.0				X		167,800	0	13,945	
JAGADEESH GOKHALE SR FELLOW, HEALTH & WELFARE	40.0				X		155,428	0	20,580	
ANDREI ILLARIONOV SENIOR FELLOW	40.0				X		158,250	0	13,180	

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
CONTRIBUTION	750,000	750,000		
TAXES & LICENSES	366,750		351,449	15,301
HONORARIUM	281,143	281,143		
DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS/BOOKS	259,738	204,671	12,247	42,820
FULFILLMENT	234,484	234,412		72