



## After Enabling Violent, Far-Left Extremists; GoFundMe ‘Steals’ Millions From Freedom Convoy Fundraisers

### Description

**CANADA:** Just as we anticipated, it looks like a crypto-based crowd-funding platform Tallycoin has helped supporters of the Canadian truckers re-route their donations to help support the people on the front lines of the protest.

In the day that has passed since GoFundMe announced its plans to quash a fundraising effort for the truckers, more than \$700,000 has been raised to benefit the truckers on [Tallycoin](#).

Last night, GoFundMe announced that it would be seizing all the money donated to the cause, and that donors would only see their donations refunded if they specifically requested that the money be returned. Otherwise, it would be forwarded to another cause of GoFundMe's choice. Well, this didn't go over too well with the donors, who many of whom threw a fit online.



Now, in what could become a major threat to GoFundMe, anybody interested in the new platform can donate as little as a single Satoshi (presently, about 2,400 satoshis make up \$1), and the fundraiser has a target of 500,000,000.

The fundraiser on Tallycoin has the following message affixed to it: “The Canadian Bitcoin community would like to have a second financial access point for #FreedomConvoy2022. Legacy financial infrastructure can sometimes be politicized and clamped down upon, whereas Bitcoin is a truly censorship resistant method of communicating value. Don’t allow your voices to be silenced, and don’t allow your financial sovereignty to be trampled upon. Love, unity and freedom – let’s raise some hard money for hard workers!”

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**Update (1056ET):** Conservatives are livid after GoFundMe caved to the Canadian government and canceled a massive donation campaign that had reached C\$10 million (US\$7.9m).

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) tweeted: “**It is a fraud for @gofundme to commandeer \$9M in donations sent to support truckers and give it to causes of their own choosing,**” adding “I will work with @AGAshleyMoody to investigate these deceptive practices — these donors should be given a refund.”

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— Ron DeSantis (@GovRonDeSantis) [February 5, 2022](#)

Rep Jim. Jordan (R-OH) pointed out that “**GoFundMe promoted the ANTIFA-occupied CHOP zone in Seattle**, But they shut down fundraisers for truckers protesting #COVID mandates.”

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But they shut down fundraisers for truckers protesting [#COVID](#) mandates.

We’ve got questions.

— Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim\_Jordan) [February 5, 2022](#)

Benny Johnson captured the prevailing sentiment on Saturday, tweeting that the “Go Fund Me story was my breaking point. Blood boiling. FUCK GO FUND ME. Put them in prison. Authoritarian boot-licking thieving scum. Not another dollar to them – EVER.”

I keep it light hearted on this platform. Try not to doomscroll or rage tweet. Happy Warrior,

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— Benny (@bennyjohnson) [February 5, 2022](#)

Others were similarly outraged.

SEND IT ALL BACK IMMEDIATELY YOU THIEVING SCUM <https://t.co/6KwB186GVI>

— Truckistan Amb. Poso ? (@JackPosobiec) [February 5, 2022](#)

.[@GoFundMe](#) allowed money to go to bailing violent BLM rioters out of jail... but now denies the peaceful Freedom Convoy their funds... stop using this leftist trash and demand refunds.

— Tim Young ? (@TimRunsHisMouth) [February 5, 2022](#)

GoFundMe's Trustpilot rating page was just suspended after **people began to bombard it with negative reviews.**

BREAKING: Trustpilot has just suspended the GoFundMe profile after people started to bombard it's profile with 1000s of negative reviews. We need to start pushing back against these liberal-owned entities. Mixing business with biased politics is a bad idea.

[pic.twitter.com/BcheWK67FL](https://pic.twitter.com/BcheWK67FL)

— E = mc<sup>2</sup> (@ElijahWere247) [February 5, 2022](#)

For example:

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An hour ago

**I have given to many causes over the...**  
I have given to many causes over the years through gofundme... blindly believing the money would go to the intended cause. Now that they have clearly shown they are fraudsters, I will never use their platform again.

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Some Guy

1 review

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An hour ago

**Going along with the governments...**  
Going along with the governments corruption! Freedom fighters in Ottawa fairly raised that money. You and the government took it away from them

Useful 46

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An hour ago

**Gfm has proven themselves to be...**  
Gfm has proven themselves to be manipulated and controlled by polical interference based on lies. They refuse to payout to a legitimate peaceful protest while happily funding illegal occupation in BC and left wing riotors like BLM. Never again.

Useful 45

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Meanwhile, a [GiveSendGo campaign](#) for the Freedom Convoy reached \$1.1 million in donations overnight, however the platform is currently inaccessible and has said it's under DDOS attack.

We have been under heavy DDOS and bot attacks. In spite of all of this we still have managed to raise funds 5X faster than the gfm did. GFM raised 10mil in 3 weeks. GSG campaign has already raised over 1.1mil in just over 12 hours!

— GiveSendGo (@GiveSendGo) [February 5, 2022](#)

### Let's review GoFundMe's previous support of far-left violence:

.@gofundme allows the campaign for violent Portland #Antifa member Alissa Azar to remain so she can raise cash after she was indicted on a felony & more. Her attack on people at a park was caught on video by Melissa Lewis, who has tried to scrub the video. <https://t.co/PRRQcKf6aW> [pic.twitter.com/jfKHSctD4v](https://t.co/pic.twitter.com/jfKHSctD4v)

— Andy Ngô ???? (@MrAndyNgo) [February 5, 2022](#)

Far-left extremists occupied an entire hotel during the 2020 riots and raised hundreds of thousands on @GoFundMe: <https://t.co/GMyl66w7Zh>

— Andy Ngô ???? (@MrAndyNgo) [February 5, 2022](#)

.@gofundme donated to Riot Kitchen, a Seattle antifa group that gave food to far-left rioters and occupiers in 2020 across state lines. <https://t.co/aT5qMO0wuG>

— Andy Ngô ???? (@MrAndyNgo) [February 5, 2022](#)

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**Update (0725ET):** After the radical leftists in San Francisco who operate GoFundMe seized millions of dollars from the Canadian “Freedom Convoy” and vowed to refund donations to donors (upon request) or disburse the funds to “credible charities” (like Black Lives Matter, Greenpeace, and Planned Parenthood Matter), the internet went absolutely mental Friday night about the crowd-sourcing platform’s decision.

Rebel News’ Ezra Levant equated GoFundMe’s decision as “stealing the money.” He said the crowd-sourcing platform should have “automatically refunded its donors.”

Hours later, around 0200 ET Saturday, GoFundMe released another statement that said, “*due to donor feedback, we are simplifying the process and automatically refunding donations.*”

The audacity that leftists at GoFundMe thought they could redistribute the money elsewhere is shocking. It is a wake-up call for freedom-loving people who band together to take their funding operations elsewhere (ever hear of BTC or ETH?). GoFundMe’s poor judgment to only now automatically refund donors has shown their true liberal colors (this blunder has sparked a trust issue with the platform).

All donors received this emailed statement early Saturday morning:

*We are automatically refunding your Freedom Convoy 2022 donation.*

*GoFundMe supports peaceful protests and we believe that was the intention of the Freedom Convoy 2022 fundraiser when it was first created. However, as a result of multiple discussions with local law enforcement and police reports of violence and other unlawful activity, the Freedom Convoy fundraiser has been removed from the GoFundMe platform.*

*The update we issued earlier enabled all donors to get a refund and outlined a plan to distribute remaining funds to verified charities selected by the Freedom Convoy organizers. However, due to donor feedback, we are simplifying the process for you. We will automatically refund your contributions directly – you do not need to submit a request. You can expect to see your refund within 7-10 business days.*

GoFundMe also tweeted part of the statement. The tweet was immediately ‘ratioed,’ which means replies outnumbered retweets and likes, indicating the tweet was very unpopular.

The world’s richest person, Elon Musk, and a supporter of the truckers tweeted a meme comparing the amateur thieves robbing railcars in Los Angeles to “professional thieves” at GoFundMe. The tweet went out to 72 million of his followers.

It’s not my money [pic.twitter.com/IKRxhGo8wS](https://pic.twitter.com/IKRxhGo8wS)

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [February 5, 2022](#)

Here’s what others are saying:

Everyone who donated should do this..it costs GoFundme \$15 per chargeback.  
...Chargebacks occur when a donor contacts their card issuer to dispute the donation they made on GoFundMe This returns the money to the donor.

— Jay Ji (@JayJi89978196) [February 5, 2022](#)

Thank you for doing the right thing, by returning the money. But I am afraid to tell you, that you are the reason why these mandates are going on. When you know something is wrong with what the government is doing, and bow down to them. Wow, thank you for showing us who you are.

— Crystal Daly (@Crystal1971) [February 5, 2022](#)

Hope you learned your lesson.



And I'm glad you showed yourselves for the raging commies that you are. Allowing Antifa groups to fundraise on your platform, funding the CHAZ/CHOP occupiers, but suddenly, people rallying for their freedoms is too much for your twisted virtues.

— Errol Webber (@ErrolWebber) [February 5, 2022](#)

I will never use gofundme again and/or support a campaign posted on your website. Mine is a small loss for you. But the TRUST you broke will have devastating effect for your company

— Paolo (@Paoloaruggeri) [February 5, 2022](#)

The damage is already done. It's only a matter of time before an alternative crowd-sourcing platform is discovered and or created.

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Despite [initially refusing to cave to pressure from Canadian PM Justin Trudeau and his allies](#), GoFundMe announced late Friday evening that it had decided not to disburse any more money to the "Freedom Convoy" and its supporters gathered in Coutts, Alberta, and Ottawa. Users will now need to request a refund of their donation, or risk the possibility that the company will instead reroute it to an "approved" charity.



As Rebel News Editor-in-Chief Ezra Levant reported in a tweet, GoFundMe has decided to take – or some might say steal – the roughly CAD\$9 million that was supposed to be used to pay for supplies like gas, food and other necessities for the truckers and instead dole that money out to charities of the company's choosing, unless donors fill out a request form.

Why the company has decided on this policy, instead of instating automatic refunds for donors, isn't clear. But as Levant joked, "what a windfall" for Black Lives Matter, Greenpeace and Planned Parenthood."

At the request of Trudeau, [@GoFundMe](#) has just stolen \$9,000,000 from the truckers. Rather than automatically refunding it to the donors, they say they're going to give it to groups of their own choosing. What a windfall for Black Lives Matter, Greenpeace and Planned Parenthood! [pic.twitter.com/prEwLnypfe](https://pic.twitter.com/prEwLnypfe)

— Ezra Levant ? (@ezrelevant) [February 4, 2022](#)

GoFundMe claimed that the fundraiser is in violation of “Term 8” of its terms of service clause, and also explained that it often works with local authorities to “make sure we have a detailed understanding...of facts on the ground.”

The decision was made in order to ensure GoFundMe “remains a trusted platform”.

Others wondered how any of this is legal.

How is this legal? <https://t.co/2O3sKAOZmL>

— Benny (@bennyjohnson) [February 5, 2022](#)

The Ottawa police, meanwhile, insist that demonstrators in the city are acting “unlawfully”. Several have been arrested (mostly for charges that may seem serious but actually aren't) for making threatening statements on social media and for other issues.

Ottawa Police have also warned that they will be collecting as much digital and financial information as they can from both the truckers and anybody who donates to support them. In a threatening statement, the police implied that supporters of the Freedom Convoy could face prosecution just for donating.

Enhanced intelligence operations and investigations: National, provincial and local intelligence agencies have increased efforts to identify and target protestors who are funding/supporting/enabling unlawful and harmful activity by protestors. /11

— Ottawa Police (@OttawaPolice) [February 4, 2022](#)

Investigative evidence-gathering teams are collecting financial, digital, vehicle registration, driver identification, insurance status, and other related evidence that will be used in criminal prosecutions. /12

— Ottawa Police (@OttawaPolice) [February 4, 2022](#)

At this point, there's really nothing else for users to do but request their refund (so that GoFundMe doesn't simply take their money) and never donate to another fundraiser on the platform again.

Readers can find the link below:



Here is the link for where you can request your full refund from GoFundMe  
<https://t.co/Cs5qbRIHzz>

— Cory Morgan (@CoryBMorgan) [February 4, 2022](#)

After all, there are plenty of other crowd-raising platforms out there.

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