

## RE: Wall Street Journal questions, from PM comments at press conference

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Good morning! Just following up on this one, thanks!

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**From:** Vaupshas, Adrienne  
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**Subject:** FW: Wall Street Journal questions, from PM comments at press conference

Hello! This Q has been a bit of a hot potato. Does this statement (The prime minister said protesters "received disturbing amounts of foreign funding to destabilize Canada's democracy.") come from the leaked GiveSendGo data or was there another source? PS says they don't have any data to back this claim. We also reference foreign funding in the DPMs remarks last Friday:

We are all sick and tired of a pandemic that we've been dealing with for almost two years. When this crisis is over, all of us are going to need to work hard to heal our country, but today, our economy and our democracy are facing a serious and foreign-funded thread. These illegal blockades and occupations cannot be allowed to usurp the authority of democratically elected governments. They cannot be allowed to threaten peace, order and good government, and they will not be allowed to do so. These illegal blockades and occupations will end and they will end for good.

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I don't think we'd have anything to say on this. Tbh we've tried to avoid questions about the foreign funding angle because we don't have hard information on it, and most of it is actually legal (despite being objectionable etc.)

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Dropping Paul and adding Alex, I think this is more of a law enforcement Q

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Adding finance here

On Feb 21, 2022, at 12:07 PM, Vieira, Paul <paul.vieira@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi, Paul Vieira from The Wall Street Journal in Ottawa.

The prime minister said protesters "received disturbing amounts of foreign funding to destabilize Canada's democracy."

Can the PMO provide evidence to corroborate this claim? How much is "disturbing amounts"?

How much money are we talking about?

This is a rather interesting point but I cannot report this without corroborating facts. Please get back to me either via email or phone **Personal Info.**

Paul Vieira

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