



[Concern Mounts Regarding the Nature of the Recent \\$2 Billion Investment into Kushner's Private Equity Firm Following Indications That Classified Information was Shared with the Saudi Crown Prince](#)

Concerns continue to grow as new evidence is uncovered about the nature of Jared Kushner's ties to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS). Revelations suggest that the \$2 billion entrusted by Saudi Arabia's state-owned sovereign wealth fund to Kushner's firm, Affinity Partners, may have been reciprocity for classified information given to MBS by Kushner during his time in the Trump administration. A recent legal document released has shown that Jared Kushner discussed intelligence about former Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayef's plans for a legal coup d'état in 2017, and that Kushner and his allies got word of this to MBS – which derailed the move and led to bin Nayef's imprisonment. Thus, many U.S. intelligence experts have stated that it was highly plausible that Kushner indeed gave MBS intelligence that allowed him to take power. The former Crown Prince bin Nayef had suspected that Kushner and MBS were working against him, and even figured that there was some sort of financial arrangement between them that would ultimately come to light.

Unlike MBS, bin Nayef was a well-liked figure within the council of ministers in Saudi Arabia, and analysts believe that he would have been a more beneficial partner to the United States due to him being an extremely valuable counterterrorism asset and very friendly with the American intelligence community – even receiving the George Tenet award for his work. Helping MBS in this instance was not the only time that Kushner is believed to have aided the crown prince. He also helped downplay the brutal murder of Saudi dissident and journalist Jamal Khashoggi, worked to secure multiple arms deals despite Saudi Arabia's poor human rights track record, and allegedly gave MBS information that helped him round up relatives to imprison and torture. There was another report, which has been confirmed by multiple intelligence sources, that the Saudis were often caught talking to each other about how Kushner would give them information. It is also worth noting that Jared Kushner was initially denied top-secret security clearance after a background check raised potential foreign influence on him. This was overruled by their supervisor, Carl Kline, who was appointed by then-President Donald Trump as the director of the personnel security office.

The Saudi Public Investment Fund putting money into American equity firms is not a new development, however, the details surrounding this particular investment into Jared Kushner's entity is highly troubling and questionable. Despite being deemed as "unsatisfactory in all aspects," the firm was awarded a whopping \$2 billion. The panel that does due diligence for the Public Investment Fund found multiple other issues with Jared Kushner's Affinity Partners, among them an excessive asset management fee, public relations risks, and the fact that they would be taking on a bulk of the risk. MBS overruled the panel and awarded Kushner the large investment.

Due to the multiple concerns about conflict of interest and the nature of Kushner's relationship with MBS, it is also a growing worry among observers that MBS could be laying the groundwork for another term with Trump in charge. Jared Kushner would likely have an important position in this potential administration and have the president's ear. This is worrisome and problematic because it would give a foreign official like MBS his own personal advocate directly in the White House, and open the door for other prospective deals that entrench MBS' power and enrich Kushner.