

Fortune: Washington's ethics establishment reacts to Trump's \$2.2 billion windfall—they're shocked but not surprised

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[Rob Lalka](#), Albert Lepage Professor in Business, was interviewed by [Fortune](#) for a story about Washington's response to President Trump's shocking rise in income since taking office in January 2025, much of it fueled by crypto.

Where earlier presidents might have stretched norms, Lalka argues, "what's unprecedented is the scale, and who's doing it: a sitting president just reported earning \$2.2 billion in a single year. This is abnormal, and that should be stated directly and clearly."

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