

# Repeat Offenders: Corporate Misdeeds Often Settled With Deferred Prosecution Agreements

Over the past few decades, Republican and Democratic administrations have increasingly leaned on deferred prosecution agreements in corporate criminal cases and non-prosecution agreements to settle allegations against corporations, according to a *Washington Post* **report**.

For example, JPMorgan Chase, the country's largest bank, has repeatedly resolved federal investigations over the last eight years by striking a deal: It wouldn't be prosecuted as long as it stayed out of trouble, writes the *Post*'s **Renae Merle**.

"This comes at a time when the Trump administration is prosecuting fewer white-collar crimes," she explains. "The number of cases brought against corporations fell to 99 last year, compared with 181 in 2015, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Most were against small companies, 62.9 percent employed fewer than 50 workers, the commission reported."

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