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This is Phil Arnott for community comment on K INS radio.

We have all heard about the IRS scandals and that agencies spying and auditing conservative group, but the one I just learned about might surprise you. As reported in the Washington Times just recently, Dr. Ben Carson was the latest victim. This renowned pediatric neurosurgeon at John's Hopkins spoke at a prayer breakfast sponsored by Pres. Obama earlier this year and criticized his leadership.

IRS requested to review Dr. Carstens real estate holdings and then conducted a full-scale audit. In the end, IRS found no wrongdoing. Some believe that Dr. Carson was singled out for this speech. Dr. Carson said quote I guess it could be a coincidence, but I never had been audited before and never really had any encounters with the IRS. It certainly would make one suspicious because we know now the IRS has been used for political purposes and therefore actions like this come under suspicion.

Dr. Carson, who rose from poverty and his medical work ^{with} pediatric patients were celebrated in the movie ~~quote~~ gifted hands ~~on quote~~ and he is the latest in a growing number of high profile figures to come forward and claim that they were improperly targeted by IRS.

Others that of come forward according to the Washington times are the Rev. Franklin Graham who said either they or their organizations were singled out by the IRS. Former Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell said she was audited and that someone used the IRS system to access her private tax information.

Calls to the IRS w went on answered the week earlier. Much of the agency staff had been furloughed as a result of the federal government shut down. Ms. O'Donnell spoke to the times and said that an erroneous lien was placed on a home she no longer owned by this agency. The Department of Justice has declined to prosecute or even investigate into these matters. Mr. Graham, son of the legendary evangelist the Rev. Billy Graham, wrote a letter to Mr. Obama in which he accused the IRS of targeting two of his nonproblem profit organizations and it was for political purposes. He believes that they were trying to intimidate him.

I leave you with a point to ponder: it's about the government shutdown, as J Leno said in a recent broadcast on late TV, are you more concerned about the government shutdown or are you more concerned about is starting up again?

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↙ The Nat. Organization for marriage was also attacked and said it will sue IRS, saying it has evidence that someone at IRS leaked the group's donor list to its political enemies in 2012. Lois Lerner at work again?