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Open Secrets – Political Funding

August 21, 2018

With Primary season right around the corner, many are looking into the candidates and how (and by whom) they are funded. We all understand that money involved in campaign contributions can influence policy decisions, so understanding the powerful forces behind various candidates can give us important information when evaluating candidates and their priorities.

To compile this useful information, and make it available to the voting public, The Center For Responsive Politics has created, and maintains the site: OpenSecrets.org

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\$1 Million Mystery Gift to Trump Inauguration Traced to Conservative Legal Activists

One of the largest contributions to President Donald Trump's inaugural committee in 2016 appears to have been orchestrated by a set of powerful conservative legal activists who have since been put in the driver's seat of the administration's push to select and nominate federal judges.
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NEWS POST
Democratic women candidates continue to expand their numbers, Republicans stay static
By Doug Weber | August 15, 2018
Looking at candidates over time, there has been a steady increase in the number of Democratic women nominated and elected, while Republican women have not historically been more successful than Republican men.

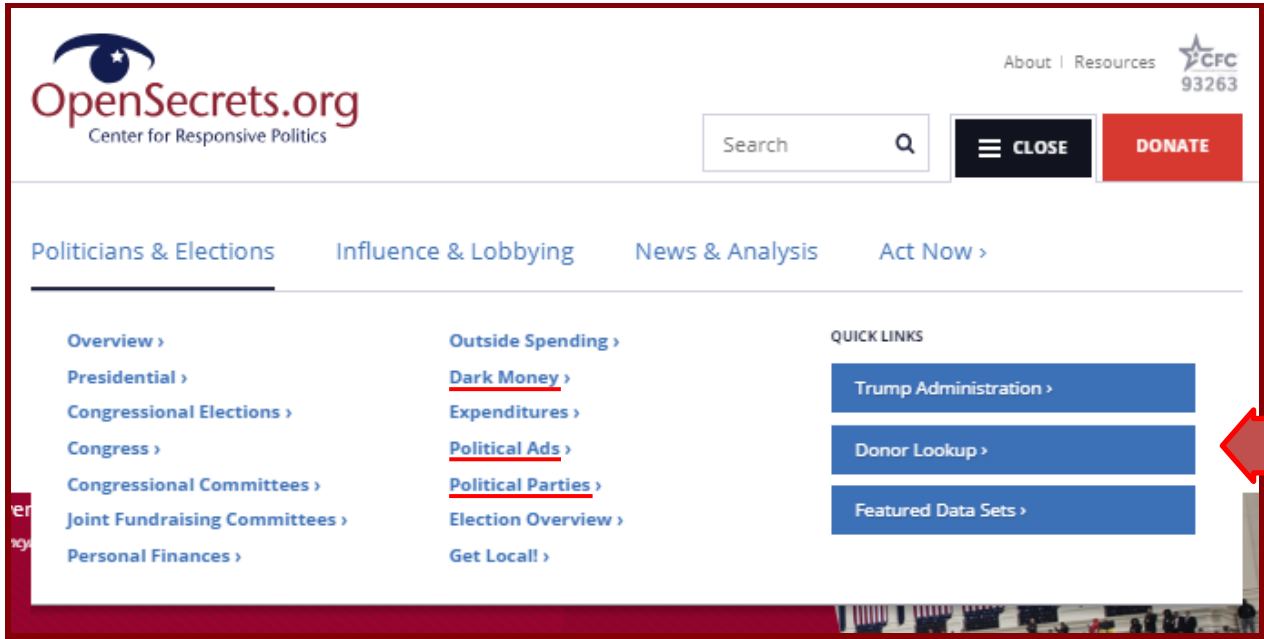
NEWS POST
Foreign interests have spent over \$530 million influencing US policy, public opinion since 2017
By Anna Massoglia and Geoff West | August 8, 2018
Foreign lobbyists and agents acting on behalf of foreign interests have reported hundreds of millions of dollars in payments since January 2017, an analysis of OpenSecrets' exclusive new Foreign Lobby Watch data reveals.

NEWS POST
Minority candidates and Trump loyalists win big during August 14th Primary
By Nihal Krishan | August 17, 2018
A victory for the transgender, Muslim and black communities on the Democratic side, while President Donald Trump continued to tighten his grip over the GOP

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Money to Candidates	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY 10019	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT	06-30-2018	\$2,700.00	Espy, Mike (D)
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Money to PACs	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY 10106	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT	06-25-2018	\$2,000,000.00	Priorities USA Action
Money to Candidates	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY 10019	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT	06-18-2018	\$2,700.00	Warren, Elizabeth (D)
Money to Candidates	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY 10019	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT	06-18-2018	\$2,700.00	Warren, Elizabeth (D)
Money to Candidates	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY 10019	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT	06-05-2018	\$2,700.00	Shalala, Donna (D)
Money to PACs	SOROS, GEORGE NEW YORK, NY	INVESTOR	05-10-2018	\$50,000.00	Colorofchange.org

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Money to Candidates	KOCH, CHARLES JAMES NEWTON, MA 02458	BOSTON BEER COMPANY	06-19-2018	\$2,700.00	McHenry, Patrick (R)
Money to PACs	KOCH, CHARLES JAMES NEWTON, MA 02458	BOSTON BEER COMPANY	06-19-2018	\$5,000.00	More Conservatives PAC (R)
Money to Parties	KOCH, CHARLES NEWTON, MA 02458	BOSTON BEER COMPANY	06-02-2018	\$2,700.00	Republican Party of Illinois (R)
Money to Candidates	KOCH, CHARLES JAMES NEWTON, MA 02458	THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY	05-23-2018	\$1,000.00	DeFazio, Peter (D)
Money to PACs	KOCH, CHARLES JAMES NEWTON, MA 02458	BETTER BEER COMPANY	05-08-2018	\$5,000.00	Keystone America PAC (D)
Money to Candidates	KOCH, CHARLES G MR WICHITA, KS 67201		05-07-2018	-\$2,700.00	Ryan, Paul (R)
Money to Candidates	KOCH, CHARLES JAMES NEWTON, MA 02458		04-24-2018	-\$5,200.00	Casey, Bob (D)
Money to Candidates	KOCH, CHARLES J MR NEWTON, MA 02458	BOSTON BEER	04-19-2018	\$2,700.00	Romney, Mitt (R)
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The example below is from the last national election, but you can compare with past spending using the drop-down menu...

Chart: Top Election Spenders, by Election Cycle

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2016

Organization	Parent	Amount FEC	IRS Exempt?	Type	Ruling Date
NRA Institute for Legislative Action	National Rifle Assn	\$35,157,585	Y	501(c)(4)	04/1944
US Chamber of Commerce		\$29,106,034	Y	501(c)(6)	11/1940
45 Cmte		\$22,010,337	N	501(c)(4)	
Americans for Prosperity		\$13,309,199	Y	501(c)(4)	10/2004
American Future Fund		\$12,643,178	Y	501(c)(4)	10/2008
Majority Forward		\$10,116,977	N	501(c)(4)	
American Action Network		\$5,559,198	Y	501(c)(4)	04/2010
Environmental Defense Action Fund	Environmental Defense Fund	\$4,285,793	N	501(c)(4)	09/2003
League of Conservation Voters		\$4,162,118	Y	501(c)(4)	12/1991
Club for Growth		\$4,061,719	Y	501(c)(4)	06/2006

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