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Chapter 3: Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections

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Table 3-1 The Cost of Winning an Election, 1986-2012 (in nominal and 2012 dollars)

| | House Winners | | Senate Winners | |
|------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Nominal Dollars | 2012 Dollars | Nominal Dollars | 2012 Dollars |
| 2012 | 1,596,953 | 1,596,953 | 10,351,556 | 10,351,556 |
| 2010 | 1,434,760 | 1,511,799 | 8,993,945 | 8,276,415 |
| 2008 | 1,362,239 | 1,452,718 | 7,500,052 | 7,998,198 |
| 2006 | 1,259,791 | 1,434,762 | 8,835,416 | 10,062,557 |
| 2004 | 1,038,391 | 1,262,120 | 7,183,825 | 8,731,637 |
| 2002 | 911,644 | 1,163,499 | 3,728,644 | 4,758,737 |
| 2000 | 845,907 | 1,127,876 | 7,198,423 ^a | 9,597,897 |
| 1998 | 677,807 | 954,751 | 4,655,806 | 6,558,117 |
| 1996 | 686,198 | 1,004,150 | 3,921,653 | 5,738,761 |
| 1994 | 541,121 | 838,336 | 4,488,195 | 6,953,371 |
| 1992 | 556,475 | 910,668 | 3,353,115 | 5,487,350 |
| 1990 | 423,245 | 743,512 | 3,298,324 | 5,794,148 |
| 1988 | 400,386 | 777,081 | 3,746,225 | 7,270,780 |
| 1986 | 359,577 | 753,274 | 3,067,559 | 6,426,200 |

Note: Inflation adjustment based on average 2012 CPI.
<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/cpi/cpiiai.txt>

a. Jon Corzine (D-N.J.) spent \$63,209,506. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) spent \$29,941,194. The remaining Senate winners in 2000 spent an average of \$4,737,365.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-2 House Campaign Expenditures: Major Party General Election Candidates, 1974-2012 (full cycle, net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| All Candidates | | | | | | | | | |
| Total expenditures | 923,555,204 | 929,421,775 | 808,001,712 | 751,730,068 | 581,483,185 ^a | 525,986,157 ^a | 514,793,499 ^a | 397,221,879 ^a | 422,661,966 ^a |
| Mean expenditure | 1,178,004 (n=784) | 1,163,231 (n=799) | 1,071,620 (n=754) | 995,669 (n=755) | 773,249 (n=752) | 737,708 (n=712) | 695,667 (n=740) | 552,464 (n=719) | 516,702 (n=818) |
| Mean, Democrats | 1,031,097 (n=390) | 1,257,311 (n=388) | 1,071,401 (n=410) | 850,606 (n=414) | 695,716 (n=380) | 732,457 (n=353) | 670,205 (n=372) | 505,492 (n=358) | 472,158 (n=412) |
| Mean, Republicans | 1,323,420 (n=394) | 1,074,416 (n=411) | 1,071,882 (n=344) | 1,171,786 (n=341) | 852,563 (n=371) | 743,077 (n=358) | 722,852 (n=366) | 599,163 (n=360) | 560,964 (n=405) |
| Incumbents | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all incumbents | 1,656,257 (n=378) | 1,552,895 (n=393) | 1,333,243 (n=399) | 1,261,559 (n=402) | 1,026,589 ^a (n=401) | 874,790 ^a (n=387) | 829,132 ^a (n=400) | 654,137 ^a (n=400) | 675,506 ^a (n=382) |
| Mean, Democrats | 1,399,714 (n=162) | 1,723,122 (n=236) | 1,243,864 (n=229) | 983,625 (n=191) | 956,127 (n=190) | 836,982 (n=188) | 755,411 (n=201) | 590,935 (n=189) | 587,005 (n=168) |
| Mean, Republicans | 1,848,665 (n=216) | 1,297,011 (n=157) | 1,453,643 (n=170) | 1,513,148 (n=211) | 1,091,373 (n=210) | 911,755 (n=198) | 908,131 (n=197) | 711,613 (n=210) | 744,057 (n=213) |
| Challengers | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all challengers | 587,177 (n=288) | 695,127 (n=325) | 579,808 (n=284) | 510,195 (n=289) | 322,061 (n=284) | 340,135 (n=226) | 377,334 (n=272) | 332,092 (n=254) | 290,038 (n=331) |
| Mean, Democrats | 637,907 (n=170) | 371,081 (n=111) | 667,277 (n=146) | 590,557 (n=190) | 313,126 (n=158) | 414,364 (n=115) | 442,963 (n=136) | 325,759 (n=136) | 322,272 (n=191) |
| Mean, Republicans | 514,092 (n=118) | 863,207 (n=214) | 499,289 (n=139) | 355,966 (n=99) | 333,264 (n=126) | 264,591 (n=111) | 311,704 (n=136) | 339,391 (n=118) | 246,061 (n=140) |
| Open seats | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all open-seat candidates | 1,087,990 (n=118) | 1,150,838 (n=81) | 1,568,624 (n=71) | 1,517,764 (n=64) | 1,169,486 (n=67) | 1,126,482 (n=99) | 1,183,910 (n=68) | 787,932 (n=65) | 653,487 (n=105) |
| Mean, Democrats | 1,153,962 (n=58) | 975,363 (n=41) | 1,643,484 (n=36) | 1,577,958 (n=33) | 1,038,566 (n=32) | 1,075,836 (n=50) | 1,063,873 (n=35) | 756,855 (n=33) | 648,268 (n=53) |
| Mean, Republicans | 1,024,217 (n=60) | 1,330,699 (n=40) | 1,491,626 (n=35) | 1,453,687 (n=31) | 1,289,184 (n=35) | 1,179,284 (n=49) | 1,311,221 (n=33) | 819,980 (n=32) | 658,807 (n=52) |

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-2

| | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 | 1976 | 1974 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| All Candidates | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total expenditures | 346,189,285 ^a | 329,809,707 ^a | 235,130,542 ^a | 225,114,380 | 217,562,967 | 176,882,849 | 174,921,844 | 115,222,222 | 86,129,169 | 60,046,006 | 44,051,125 |
| Mean expenditure | 439,885 (n=787) | 405,670 (n=813) | 321,656 (n=731) | 303,389 (n=742) | 295,602 (n=736) | 241,313 (n=733) | 228,060 (n=767) | 153,221 (n=752) | 109,440 (n=787) | 73,316 (n=819) | 53,384 (n=810) |
| Mean, Democrats | 484,976 (n=386) | 457,994 (n=410) | 350,552 (n=381) | 315,399 (n=397) | 301,955 (n=397) | 237,732 (n=399) | 213,369 (n=411) | 143,277 (n=396) | 108,986 (n=416) | 74,563 (n=429) | 53,993 (n=434) |
| Mean, Republicans | 395,949 (n=400) | 351,880 (n=402) | 289,400 (n=349) | 289,447 (n=344) | 290,092 (n=340) | 245,591 (n=334) | 245,020 (n=356) | 164,282 (n=356) | 109,995 (n=371) | 71,945 (n=390) | 54,835 (n=376) |
| Incumbents | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all incumbents | 558,867 ^a (n=382) | 590,405 ^a (n=349) | 416,671 (n=405) | 390,807 (n=408) | 362,103 (n=389) | 279,044 (n=408) | 265,001 (n=383) | 165,081 (n=391) | 111,159 (n=377) | 79,398 (n=382) | 56,539 (n=382) |
| Mean, Democrats | 619,389 (n=224) | 615,920 (n=211) | 419,417 (n=247) | 374,603 (n=245) | 349,918 (n=231) | 279,203 (n=254) | 247,573 (n=216) | 158,010 (n=248) | 103,519 (n=249) | 73,322 (n=254) | 38,743 (n=218) |
| Mean, Republicans | 472,199 (n=157) | 551,212 (n=137) | 412,377 (n=158) | 415,162 (n=163) | 379,917 (n=158) | 278,781 (n=154) | 287,543 (n=167) | 177,345 (n=143) | 126,022 (n=128) | 91,456 (n=128) | 80,339 (n=163) |
| Challengers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all challengers | 240,008 (n=302) | 166,406 (n=290) | 134,415 ^a (n=270) | 136,884 (n=283) | 155,607 (n=262) | 161,994 (n=273) | 151,717 (n=270) | 121,751 (n=277) | 74,802 (n=299) | 50,795 (n=335) | 40,015 (n=323) |
| Mean, Democrats | 176,747 (n=110) | 142,414 (n=111) | 131,269 (n=104) | 163,535 (n=126) | 170,562 (n=123) | 124,508 (n=119) | 141,390 (n=137) | 93,313 (n=105) | 70,948 (n=109) | 46,330 (n=122) | 59,266 (n=162) |
| Mean, Republicans | 276,251 (n=192) | 181,283 (n=179) | 133,759 (n=165) | 115,494 (n=157) | 141,356 (n=139) | 190,960 (n=154) | 162,354 (n=133) | 139,111 (n=172) | 77,012 (n=190) | 53,352 (n=213) | 20,644 (n=161) |
| Open seats | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all open-seat candidates | 584,657 (n=103) | 433,912 (n=174) | 537,266 (n=56) | 527,984 (n=51) | 430,484 (n=86) | 361,696 (n=52) | 284,476 (n=114) | 201,790 (n=84) | 201,049 (n=111) | 124,506 (n=102) | 90,426 (n=106) |
| Mean, Democrats | 557,992 (n=52) | 477,393 (n=88) | 543,737 (n=30) | 493,467 (n=26) | 420,138 (n=43) | 350,804 (n=26) | 256,004 (n=58) | 180,312 (n=43) | 211,871 (n=58) | 145,497 (n=53) | 99,743 (n=54) |
| Mean, Republicans | 611,846 (n=51) | 389,420 (n=86) | 529,799 (n=26) | 573,573 (n=24) | 440,830 (n=43) | 372,589 (n=26) | 314,547 (n=56) | 224,116 (n=41) | 189,205 (n=53) | 101,802 (n=49) | 80,751 (n=52) |

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Table 3-3 House Campaign Expenditures: Incumbents and Challengers, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1974-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 | 1992 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Incumbent won with 60% or more | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 1,301,736 (n= 256) | 1,164,689 (n= 251) | 1,114,738 (n=305) | 975,047 (n=300) | 869,368 ^a (n=343) | 770,762 ^a (n=336) | 654,887 ^a (n=326) | 537,434 ^a (n=309) | 521,946 ^a (n=262) | 451,414 (n=263) | 486,420 ^a (n=234) |
| Democrats | 1,230,956 (n= 128) | 1,169,198 (n= 109) | 1,086,574 (n=197) | 913,487 (n=180) | 835,267 (n=166) | 749,196 (n=159) | 605,512 (n=167) | 447,989 (n=144) | 474,059 (n=124) | 449,710 (n=120) | 489,450 (n=138) |
| Republicans | 1,372,516 (n= 128) | 1,161,228 (n= 142) | 1,166,111 (n=108) | 1,067,388 (n=120) | 901,868 (n=176) | 790,850 (n=176) | 709,989 (n=157) | 616,019 (n=164) | 562,219 (n=137) | 452,844 (n=143) | 481,074 (n=95) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 154,204 (n= 171) | 170,932 (n=185) | 243,072 (n=191) | 147,072 (n=188) | 184,172 (n=230) | 195,274 (n=179) | 152,739 (n=198) | 133,148 (n=161) | 104,440 (n=212) | 113,943 (n=183) | 86,726 (n=187) |
| Democrats | 105,852 (n=83) | 163,116 (n= 98) | 216,913 (n=84) | 115,477 (n=99) | 164,672 (n=126) | 221,500 (n=95) | 166,982 (n=96) | 112,388 (n=89) | 97,926 (n=115) | 132,598 (n=96) | 76,022 (n=76) |
| Republicans | 199,809 (n= 88) | 179,736 (n= 87) | 263,608 (n=107) | 182,217 (n=89) | 207,796 (n=104) | 146,045 (n=86) | 139,334 (n=102) | 158,811 (n=72) | 112,162 (n=96) | 93,358 (n=87) | 94,055 (n=111) |
| Incumbent won with <60% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 2,256,048 (n= 100) ^b | 2,050,151 (n= 87) | 1,962,637 (n=75) | 1,910,840 (n=80) | 1,884,901 (n=51) | 1,477,582 (n=46) | 1,447,392 (n=68) | 1,029,650 (n=85) | 992,563 (n=99) | 718,490 ^a (n=85) | 779,254 (n=91) |
| Democrats | 2,030,892 (n= 28) | 1,932,584 (n= 74) | 2,255,795 (n=27) | 2,131,343 (n=11) | 1,583,537 (n=19) | 1,213,166 (n=26) | 1,465,364 (n=32) | 1,052,776 (n=44) | 919,568 (n=41) | 729,774 (n=70) | 828,957 (n=57) |
| Republicans | 2,343,609 (n= 72) | 2,719,380 (n= 13) | 1,797,736 (n=48) | 1,875,687 (n=69) | 2,063,836 (n=32) | 1,821,322 (n=20) | 1,431,416 (n=36) | 1,004,833 (n=41) | 1,044,163 (n=58) | 669,900 (n=14) | 695,928 (n=34) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 928,797 (n= 95) ^b | 1,145,133 (n= 87) | 1,101,453 (n=75) | 1,005,016 (n=79) | 831,723 (n=49) | 850,354 (n=43) | 872,263 (n=68) | 644,781 (n=86) | 521,292 (n=98) | 328,025 (n=85) | 280,562 (n=84) |
| Democrats | 758,652 (n= 69) | 1,667,912 (n= 13) | 1,011,649 (n=48) | 874,970 (n=69) | 842,344 (n=30) | 1,207,168 (n=18) | 931,770 (n=36) | 672,726 (n=42) | 538,147 (n=58) | 479,485 (n=14) | 273,077 (n=29) |
| Republicans | 1,380,337 (n= 26) | 1,053,294 (n= 74) | 1,261,107 (n=27) | 1,902,330 (n=10) | 814,953 (n=19) | 593,448 (n=25) | 805,317 (n=32) | 618,106 (n=44) | 496,852 (n=40) | 298,160 (n=71) | 284,509 (n=55) |
| Incumbent was defeated | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 3,109,662 (n= 32) ^b | 2,537,954 (n= 55) | 2,356,382 (n=19) | 2,807,512 (n=22) | 2,477,049 (n=7) ^b | 1,848,559 (n=8) ^b | 2,529,571 (n=6) | 1,344,603 (n=6) | 1,096,655 (n=21) | 990,992 (n=34) | 888,204 (n=24) ^b |
| Democrats | 2,520,405 (n= 12) | 2,569,867 (n= 53) | 1,976,661 (n=5) | NA (n=0) | 2,584,509 (n=5) | 1,793,020 (n=5) | 1,332,829 (n=2) | 854,227 (n=1) | 710,406 (n=3) | 990,992 (n=34) | 947,775 (n=16) |
| Republicans | 3,463,216 (n= 20) | 1,692,257 (n= 2) | 2,491,997 (n=14) | 2,807,512 (n=22) | 2,208,400 (n=2) | 1,941,124 (n=3) | 3,127,942 (n=4) | 1,442,678 (n=5) | 1,170,502 (n=18) | NA (n=0) | 769,062 (n=8) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 2,477,386 (n= 22) ^b | 1,721,226 (n= 55) | 1,988,831 (n=19) | 1,836,394 (n=22) | 1,670,261 (n=5) | 1,603,226 (n=4) | 1,980,195 (n=6) | 1,148,979 (n=6) | 1,088,275 (n=21) | 698,489 (n=34) | 445,930 (n=19) |
| Democrats | 2,628,422 (n= 18) | 1,760,914 (n= 2) | 2,188,754 (n=14) | 1,836,394 (n=22) | 1,727,446 (n=2) | 1,977,279 (n=2) | 2,479,356 (n=4) | 1,209,237 (n=5) | 1,064,852 (n=18) | NA (n=0) | 351,847 (n=6) |
| Republicans | 1,797,724 (n= 4) | 1,719,728 (n= 53) | 1,429,049 (n=5) | NA (n=0) | 1,632,138 (n=3) | 1,229,173 (n=2) | 981,874 (n=2) | 847,692 (n=1) | 1,231,615 (n=3) | 698,489 (n=34) | 489,353 (n=13) |

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

b. The N for incumbents in "Incumbent was defeated" is greater than that of challengers because some races were incumbent v. incumbent races.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-3

| | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 | 1976 | 1974 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Incumbent won with 60% or more | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 357,798 (n=313) | 345,037 (n=359) | 291,876 (n=330) | 232,853 (n=318) | 200,170 (n=264) | 125,912 (n=284) | 92,696 (n=287) | 63,628 (n=272) | 40,925 (n=251) |
| Democrats | 367,388 (n=197) | 336,606 (n=220) | 293,484 (n=209) | 219,506 (n=183) | 206,670 (n=178) | 117,773 (n=170) | 85,424 (n=184) | 56,937 (n=185) | 35,146 (n=194) |
| Republicans | 341,512 (n=116) | 358,381 (n=139) | 289,099 (n=121) | 250,945 (n=135) | 186,717 (n=86) | 138,050 (n=114) | 105,687 (n=103) | 77,855 (n=87) | 60,593 (n=57) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 60,277 (n=180) | 79,000 (n=234) | 92,436 (n=202) | 71,922 (n=184) | 82,373 (n=163) | 47,525 (n=170) | 34,132 (n=209) | 25,492 (n=225) | 16,372 (n=193) |
| Democrats | 43,057 (n=65) | 87,361 (n=102) | 72,769 (n=85) | 73,835 (n=99) | 36,628 (n=62) | 44,120 (n=75) | 36,040 (n=84) | 26,606 (n=81) | 25,891 (n=56) |
| Republicans | 70,009 (n=115) | 72,540 (n=132) | 106,724 (n=117) | 69,693 (n=85) | 110,454 (n=101) | 50,213 (n=95) | 32,850 (n=125) | 24,865 (n=144) | 12,481 (n=137) |
| Incumbent won with <60% | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 607,286 (n=77) | 700,009 (n=44) | 785,493 (n=52) | 437,752 (n=74) | 394,447 (n=90) | 261,901 (n=76) | 161,856 (n=71) | 113,939 (n=98) | 80,272 (n=90) |
| Democrats | 629,143 (n=44) | 689,280 (n=23) | 938,374 (n=20) | 421,834 (n=58) | 446,542 (n=35) | 223,345 (n=50) | 145,065 (n=51) | 119,440 (n=62) | 68,513 (n=20) |
| Republicans | 578,143 (n=33) | 711,760 (n=21) | 689,943 (n=32) | 495,455 (n=16) | 361,295 (n=55) | 336,046 (n=26) | 204,674 (n=20) | 104,465 (n=36) | 83,632 (n=70) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 248,582 (n=75) | 389,236 (n=44) | 334,946 (n=46) | 307,938 (n=72) | 234,790 (n=84) | 197,499 (n=76) | 156,444 (n=71) | 97,322 (n=98) | 63,861 (n=90) |
| Democrats | 213,907 (n=31) | 441,331 (n=21) | 353,939 (n=28) | 386,819 (n=16) | 182,232 (n=53) | 195,135 (n=26) | 187,290 (n=20) | 77,075 (n=36) | 63,134 (n=70) |
| Republicans | 273,013 (n=44) | 341,671 (n=23) | 305,401 (n=18) | 285,401 (n=56) | 324,647 (n=31) | 198,728 (n=50) | 144,347 (n=51) | 109,079 (n=62) | 66,405 (n=20) |
| Incumbent was defeated | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 666,647 (n=15) | 956,081 (n=5) | 582,647 (n=6) | 463,070 (n=16) | 453,459 (n=29) | 286,559 (n=31) | 200,607 (n=19) | 154,774 (n=12) | 101,102 (n=40) |
| Democrats | 589,707 (n=6) | 935,494 (n=2) | 528,101 (n=1) | 483,204 (n=13) | 353,201 (n=3) | 285,636 (n=28) | 189,994 (n=14) | 97,874 (n=7) | 64,191 (n=4) |
| Republicans | 717,941 (n=9) | 969,806 (n=3) | 593,556 (n=5) | 375,824 (n=3) | 465,027 (n=26) | 295,170 (n=3) | 230,323 (n=5) | 234,435 (n=5) | 105,203 (n=36) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 453,241 ^a (n=15) | 625,120 (n=5) | 455,071 (n=11) | 515,622 (n=16) | 296,273 (n=23) | 343,093 (n=31) | 217,083 (n=19) | 144,720 (n=12) | 100,435 (n=40) |
| Democrats | 527,773 (n=8) | 808,908 (n=3) | 504,673 (n=9) | 249,462 (n=3) | 292,781 (n=22) | 353,855 (n=4) | 192,037 (n=5) | 144,491 (n=5) | 103,661 (n=36) |
| Republicans | 334,444 (n=6) | 349,438 (n=2) | 231,864 (n=2) | 577,044 (n=13) | 373,093 (n=1) | 341,499 (n=27) | 226,028 (n=14) | 144,883 (n=7) | 71,404 (n=4) |

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Table 3-4 House Campaign Expenditures: Open House Seats, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1984-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All Winners | 1,519,454 (n=62) | 1,398,885 (n=42) | 1,907,270 (n=36) | 1,885,671 (n=33) | 1,503,719 (n=36) | 1,290,443 (n=49) | 1,364,737 (n=36) | 993,978 (n=34) | 768,069 (n=53) | 602,009 (n=52) | 536,918 (n=91) | 618,705 (n=30) | 606,434 (n=27) | 523,759 (n=46) | 440,912 (n=26) |
| Democrats | 1,780,970 (n=31) | 1,285,168 (n=7) | 2,175,064 (n=19) | 1,765,031 (n=20) | 1,455,906 (n=15) | 1,237,139 (n=18) | 1,303,041 (n=10) | 949,685 (n=18) | 749,246 (n=24) | 676,437 (n=14) | 505,550 (n=57) | 587,804 (n=18) | 551,275 (n=13) | 515,570 (n=22) | 428,416 (n=8) |
| Republicans | 1,257,939 (n=31) | 1,421,628 (n=35) | 1,607,971 (n=17) | 2,071,270 (n=13) | 1,537,870 (n=21) | 1,321,394 (n=31) | 1,388,466 (n=26) | 1,043,808 (n=16) | 783,646 (n=29) | 574,588 (n=38) | 589,505 (n=34) | 665,058 (n=12) | 657,654 (n=14) | 531,266 (n=24) | 446,467 (n=18) |
| Winners with 60% or more | 1,437,065 (n=33) | 1,173,093 (n=26) | 1,767,021 (n=11) | 1,170,543 (n=15) | 1,293,878 (n=20) | 1,143,757 (n=24) | 1,076,754 (n=14) | 754,860 (n=11) | 651,225 (n=18) | 618,153 (n=21) | 516,055 (n=44) | 618,152 (n=14) | 543,935 (n=11) | 543,382 (n=19) | 372,989 (n=8) |
| Democrats | 1,623,438 (n=19) | 840,294 (n=4) | 2,206,183 (n=6) | 1,216,683 (n=11) | 956,768 (n=8) | 1,299,407 (n=8) | 968,414 (n=4) | 657,743 (n=8) | 593,421 (n=8) | 587,314 (n=3) | 395,193 (n=33) | 523,728 (n=9) | 391,885 (n=7) | 537,552 (n=7) | 290,693 (n=3) |
| Republicans | 1,184,130 (n=14) | 1,233,602 (n=22) | 1,240,028 (n=5) | 1,043,660 (n=4) | 1,518,618 (n=12) | 1,065,932 (n=16) | 1,120,090 (n=10) | 1,013,839 (n=3) | 697,469 (n=10) | 623,293 (n=18) | 878,644 (n=11) | 788,116 (n=5) | 810,023 (n=4) | 546,783 (n=12) | 422,366 (n=5) |
| Winners with <60% | 1,613,208 (n=29) | 1,710,431 (n=16) | 1,968,979 (n=25) | 2,481,610 (n=18) | 1,766,019 (n=16) | 1,431,263 (n=25) | 1,547,998 (n=22) | 1,108,339 (n=23) | 828,160 (n=35) | 591,072 (n=31) | 556,449 (n=47) | 619,189 (n=16) | 649,402 (n=16) | 509,950 (n=27) | 471,100 (n=18) |
| Democrats | 2,030,394 (n=12) | 1,843,009 (n=3) | 2,160,701 (n=13) | 2,435,235 (n=9) | 2,026,350 (n=7) | 1,187,325 (n=10) | 1,526,125 (n=6) | 1,183,239 (n=10) | 827,158 (n=16) | 700,743 (n=11) | 657,293 (n=24) | 651,880 (n=9) | 737,230 (n=6) | 505,312 (n=15) | 511,049 (n=5) |
| Republicans | 1,318,723 (n=17) | 1,679,836 (n=13) | 1,761,281 (n=12) | 2,527,985 (n=9) | 1,563,540 (n=9) | 1,593,888 (n=15) | 1,556,201 (n=16) | 1,050,724 (n=13) | 829,003 (n=19) | 530,754 (n=20) | 451,221 (n=23) | 577,159 (n=7) | 596,706 (n=10) | 515,749 (n=12) | 455,736 (n=13) |
| All losers | 610,298 (n=56) | 872,500 (n=39) | 1,220,303 (n=35) | 1,126,122 (n=31) | 781,345 (n=31) | 955,544 (n=47) | 980,479 (n=32) | 561,945 (n=31) | 536,703 (n=52) | 566,966 (n=51) | 320,997 (n=83) | 443,297 (n=26) | 439,728 (n=24) | 323,718 (n=40) | 282,480 (n=26) |
| Democrats | 434,065 (n=27) | 911,579 (n=34) | 1,049,366 (n=17) | 1,290,154 (n=13) | 670,325 (n=17) | 982,176 (n=31) | 968,206 (n=25) | 525,458 (n=15) | 564,701 (n=29) | 514,354 (n=38) | 425,618 (n=31) | 477,638 (n=12) | 435,660 (n=13) | 320,161 (n=21) | 316,309 (n=18) |
| Republicans | 774,376 (n=29) | 694,196 (n=5) | 1,381,744 (n=18) | 1,007,655 (n=18) | 916,156 (n=14) | 903,944 (n=16) | 1,024,312 (n=7) | 596,152 (n=16) | 501,401 (n=23) | 720,753 (n=13) | 258,595 (n=52) | 413,862 (n=14) | 455,860 (n=10) | 326,596 (n=19) | 206,363 (n=8) |
| Losers with >40% | 1,079,601 (n=27) | 1,426,952 (n=16) | 1,550,804 (n=25) | 1,684,233 (n=18) | 1,373,472 (n=16) | 1,221,532 (n=25) | 1,470,378 (n=20) | 762,097 (n=22) | 652,323 (n=35) | 683,257 (n=31) | 449,666 (n=47) | 465,767 (n=16) | 565,182 (n=16) | 360,978 (n=23) | 352,961 (n=18) |
| Democrats | 730,985 (n=14) | 1,493,830 (n=13) | 1,401,339 (n=12) | 1,792,526 (n=9) | 1,063,167 (n=9) | 1,121,145 (n=15) | 1,545,889 (n=15) | 620,288 (n=12) | 657,299 (n=19) | 596,359 (n=20) | 472,034 (n=23) | 435,365 (n=8) | 505,609 (n=9) | 294,362 (n=10) | 393,262 (n=13) |
| Republicans | 1,455,034 (n=13) | 1,137,144 (n=3) | 1,688,772 (n=13) | 1,575,940 (n=9) | 1,772,435 (n=7) | 1,372,113 (n=10) | 1,243,844 (n=5) | 932,269 (n=10) | 646,414 (n=16) | 841,253 (n=11) | 428,230 (n=24) | 496,168 (n=8) | 693,525 (n=6) | 412,220 (n=13) | 248,180 (n=5) |
| Losers with 40% or less | 173,360 (n=29) | 505,802 (n=23) | 394,050 (n=10) | 353,353 (n=13) | 149,744 (n=15) | 625,350 (n=22) | 163,982 (n=12) | 72,685 (n=9) | 298,660 (n=17) | 386,715 (n=20) | 152,967 (n=36) | 407,346 (n=10) | 188,819 (n=8) | 193,794 (n=15) | 123,896 (n=8) |
| Democrats | 114,305 (n=13) | 551,138 (n=21) | 204,629 (n=5) | 159,815 (n=4) | 228,378 (n=8) | 851,892 (n=16) | 101,682 (n=10) | 146,137 (n=3) | 388,764 (n=10) | 423,239 (n=18) | 292,173 (n=8) | 562,183 (n=4) | 278,276 (n=4) | 228,939 (n=9) | 116,232 (n=5) |
| Republicans | 221,342 (n=16) | 29,773 (n=2) | 583,470 (n=5) | 439,370 (n=9) | 59,876 (n=7) | 123,663 (n=6) | 475,481 (n=2) | 35,959 (n=6) | 169,941 (n=7) | 58,005 (n=2) | 113,194 (n=28) | 304,122 (n=6) | 99,363 (n=4) | 141,077 (n=6) | 136,668 (n=3) |

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-5 Senate Campaign Expenditures: Major Party General Election Candidates, 1974-2012 (full cycle, net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| All candidates | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total expenditures | 587,532,049 | 568,193,547 ^c | 389,348,721 | 514,937,502 ^a | 367,514,648 | 281,529,788 | 384,591,165 | 249,184,622 | 230,420,000 | 279,483,211 |
| Mean expenditure | 9,325,906 (n=63) | 8,002,726 (n=71) | 5,899,223 (n=66) | 7,922,115 (n=65) | 5,404,627 (n=68) | 4,540,803 (n=62) | 5,827,139 (n=66) | 3,775,525 (n=66) | 3,544,918 (n=65) | 3,992,617 (n=70) |
| Mean, Democrats | 10,809,482 (n=28) | 7,133,000 (n=32) | 5,867,841 (n=34) | 8,609,875 (n=31) | 5,625,326 (n=34) | 4,602,810 (n=30) | 6,095,450 (n=33) | 3,481,733 (n=34) | 3,385,904 (n=32) | 3,394,769 (n=35) |
| Mean, Republicans | 8,464,453 (n=33) | 8,587,602 (n=38) | 5,932,567 (n=32) | 7,035,429 (n=32) | 5,183,929 (n=34) | 4,482,671 (n=32) | 5,558,828 (n=33) | 4,087,678 (n=32) | 3,699,114 (n=33) | 4,590,465 (n=35) |
| Incumbents | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all incumbents | 10,700,957 ^a (n=22) | 9,519,592 (n=23) | 7,753,323 (n=30) | 9,426,175 (n=29) | 6,566,787 (n=26) | 4,535,740 (n=27) | 4,530,693 (n=29) | 4,728,639 (n=29) | 4,233,304 (n=20) | 7,672,755 (n=26) |
| Mean, Democrats | 11,271,301 (n=15) | 12,600,970 (n=12) | 6,349,119 (n=12) | 9,560,029 (n=14) | 7,418,068 (n=14) | 6,142,399 (n=12) | 3,672,975 (n=11) | 4,560,721 (n=15) | 5,207,602 (n=7) | 5,152,998 (n=16) |
| Mean, Republicans | 10,616,741 (n=6) | 6,158,089 (n=11) | 8,689,459 (n=18) | 8,758,947 (n=14) | 5,573,627 (n=12) | 3,250,414 (n=15) | 5,054,855 (n=18) | 4,908,551 (n=14) | 3,708,682 (n=13) | 3,904,368 (n=10) |
| Challengers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all challengers | 7,226,119 (n=19) | 5,260,056 (n=20) | 3,792,399 (n=26) | 5,659,763 (n=28) | 2,425,098 (n=26) | 2,885,335 (n=21) | 3,153,464 (n=27) | 3,144,244 (n=27) | 3,109,930 (n=17) | 3,997,011 (n=26) |
| Mean, Democrats | 18,085,797 (n=3) | 1,793,580 (n=7) | 5,103,524 (n=17) | 7,129,691 (n=14) | 1,554,631 (n=12) | 2,182,146 (n=11) | 3,281,655 (n=17) | 2,615,103 (n=14) | 2,920,075 (n=11) | 1,226,228 (n=10) |
| Mean, Republicans | 5,189,930 (n=16) | 7,126,620 (n=13) | 1,315,831 (n=9) | 4,189,836 ^b (n=14) | 3,171,212 (n=14) | 3,658,843 (n=10) | 2,935,540 (n=10) | 3,714,088 (n=13) | 3,457,997 (n=6) | 5,703,750 (n=16) |
| Open seats | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all Open | 9,764,306 ^a (n=22) | 8,715,779 (n=28) | 5,814,666 (n=10) | 10,388,132 ^a (n=8) | 8,357,852 (n=16) | 7,033,769 (n=14) | 16,805,752 (n=10) | 2,715,951 (n=10) | 3,317,314 (n=28) | 3,003,850 (n=18) |
| Mean, Democrats | 7,933,859 (n=10) | 4,960,716 (n=13) | 7,311,451 (n=5) | 11,083,353 (n=3) | 8,594,068 (n=8) | 5,767,416 (n=7) | 20,991,796 (n=5) | 2,671,336 (n=5) | 2,841,062 (n=14) | 2,634,075 (n=9) |
| Mean, Republicans | 12,053,421 (n=11) | 11,853,130 (n=14) | 4,317,880 (n=5) | 10,962,693 (n=4) | 8,121,636 (n=8) | 8,300,122 (n=7) | 12,619,707 (n=5) | 2,760,565 (n=5) | 3,793,565 (n=14) | 3,373,624 (n=9) |

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents.

b. Alan Schlesinger (CT-Rep) is not included in the data. He raised \$221,019 and was third in the voting.

c. 2010 data includes Charlie Crist (FL) who started as a Republican and finished second as an Independent in the Florida Senate race. 2010 does not include Democrats McAdams (AK) and Meek (FL) who finished third in their respective races.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-5

| | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 | 1976 | 1974 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| All candidates | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total expenditures | 194,322,039 | 173,370,282 | 184,695,501 | 183,432,489 | 141,962,276 | 114,036,379 | 74,163,669 | 64,695,510 | 38,108,745 | 28,436,308 |
| Mean expenditure | 2,816,261 (n=69) | 2,587,616 (n=67) | 2,798,417 (n=66) | 2,737,798 (n=67) | 2,327,250 (n=61) | 1,781,815 (n=64) | 1,106,920 (n=67) | 951,405 (n=68) | 595,499 (n=64) | 437,482 (n=65) |
| Mean, Democrats | 2,813,701 (n=35) | 2,465,285 (n=34) | 2,930,305 (n=33) | 2,260,415 (n=33) | 2,160,637 (n=31) | 1,881,379 (n=32) | 1,170,580 (n=34) | 762,831 (n=35) | 569,902 (n=33) | 487,775 (n=34) |
| Mean, Republicans | 2,818,898 (n=34) | 2,713,654 (n=33) | 2,666,529 (n=33) | 3,201,141 (n=34) | 2,499,417 (n=30) | 1,682,252 (n=32) | 1,041,332 (n=33) | 1,151,407 (n=33) | 616,635 (n=30) | 382,343 (n=31) |
| Incumbents | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all incumbents | 3,708,456 (n=27) | 3,577,980 (n=32) | 3,748,132 (n=27) | 3,374,602 (n=28) | 2,539,929 (n=28) | 1,858,140 (n=29) | 1,301,692 (n=25) | 1,341,942 (n=22) | 623,809 (n=25) | 555,714 (n=25) |
| Mean, Democrats | 2,849,946 (n=15) | 3,616,906 (n=17) | 3,457,144 (n=15) | 2,712,796 (n=9) | 1,755,004 (n=12) | 1,696,226 (n=18) | 1,355,660 (n=19) | 618,211 (n=11) | 503,111 (n=17) | 525,766 (n=15) |
| Mean, Republicans | 4,781,593 (n=12) | 3,533,864 (n=15) | 4,111,866 (n=12) | 3,688,089 (n=19) | 3,128,622 (n=16) | 2,123,089 (n=11) | 1,130,792 (n=6) | 2,065,674 (n=11) | 891,342 (n=7) | 600,636 (n=10) |
| Challengers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all challengers | 1,824,993 (n=26) | 1,699,247 (n=29) | 1,817,161 (n=27) | 1,899,417 (n=27) | 1,241,434 (n=25) | 1,217,034 (n=29) | 842,547 (n=24) | 697,766 (n=21) | 452,275 (n=23) | 332,579 (n=22) |
| Mean, Democrats | 2,550,724 (n=12) | 1,395,011 (n=14) | 2,154,283 (n=12) | 1,911,693 (n=18) | 1,515,412 (n=15) | 1,516,015 (n=11) | 557,006 (n=6) | 830,282 (n=11) | 645,441 (n=8) | 390,297 (n=10) |
| Mean, Republicans | 1,202,034 (n=14) | 1,983,202 (n=15) | 1,547,464 (n=15) | 1,874,864 (n=9) | 830,466 (n=10) | 1,034,324 (n=18) | 937,727 (n=18) | 551,999 (n=10) | 349,253 (n=15) | 284,480 (n=12) |
| Open seats | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean, all Open | 2,922,286 (n=16) | 1,599,459 (n=6) | 2,869,383 (n=12) | 3,138,282 (n=12) | 4,976,051 (n=8) | 4,142,687 (n=6) | 1,132,560 (n=18) | 820,787 (n=25) | 756,951 (n=16) | 401,484 (n=18) |
| Mean, Democrats | 3,140,205 (n=8) | 934,046 (n=3) | 3,165,250 (n=6) | 2,628,009 (n=6) | 5,797,131 (n=4) | 4,331,959 (n=3) | 1,188,903 (n=9) | 828,127 (n=13) | 636,295 (n=8) | 532,691 (n=9) |
| Mean, Republicans | 2,704,366 (n=8) | 2,264,872 (n=3) | 2,573,516 (n=6) | 3,648,555 (n=6) | 4,154,971 (n=4) | 3,953,415 (n=3) | 1,076,218 (n=9) | 812,835 (n=12) | 877,606 (n=8) | 270,277 (n=9) |

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Table 3-6 Senate Campaign Expenditures: Incumbents and Challengers, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1980-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Incumbent won with 60% or more | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 7,117,061 ^a (n=12) | 7,206,925 (n=13) | 5,007,322 (n=17) | 6,681,589 (n=17) | 4,710,449 (n=18) | 3,287,355 (n=16) | 3,421,925 (n=20) | 2,640,723 (n=19) | 2,418,451 (n=6) | 3,610,535 (n=10) | 2,695,624 (n=13) | 2,314,689 (n=19) | 2,733,348 (n=15) | 1,963,140 (n=15) | 1,612,152 (n=18) |
| Democrats | 8,087,526 (n=8) | 8,495,966 (n=5) | 5,808,535 (n=10) | 8,661,938 (n=11) | 5,741,981 (n=10) | 4,779,508 (n=6) | 3,359,248 (n=10) | 3,131,344 (n=9) | 2,266,951 (n=2) | 1,735,768 (n=3) | 2,661,397 (n=9) | 2,439,405 (n=10) | 2,320,232 (n=10) | 1,672,182 (n=8) | 1,620,869 (n=7) |
| Republicans | 6,017,810 (n=3) | 6,401,274 (n=8) | 3,862,732 (n=7) | 3,050,950 (n=6) | 3,421,034 (n=8) | 2,392,063 (n=10) | 3,484,603 (n=10) | 2,199,165 (n=10) | 2,494,201 (n=4) | 4,414,006 (n=7) | 2,772,633 (n=4) | 2,176,116 (n=9) | 3,559,581 (n=5) | 2,351,083 (n=6) | 1,606,604 (n=11) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 1,411,351 (n=10) | 1,450,544 (n=10) | 1,159,873 (n=13) | 2,255,831 (n=16) | 1,001,610 (n=18) | 849,543 (n=10) | 764,569 (n=18) | 447,843 (n=17) | 762,003 (n=3) | 1,002,306 (n=10) | 701,442 (n=12) | 844,346 (n=16) | 581,494 (n=15) | 451,671 (n=13) | 384,263 (n=15) |
| Democrats | 420,779 (n=1) | 1,869,908 (n=5) | 1,588,229 (n=6) | 398,864 (n=5) | 211,821 (n=8) | 909,843 (n=6) | 486,019 (n=9) | 292,748 (n=10) | 479,791 (n=2) | 1,365,651 (n=7) | 595,192 (n=4) | 438,732 (n=8) | 805,077 (n=5) | 155,853 (n=5) | 322,263 (n=10) |
| Republicans | 1,521,415 (n=9) | 1,031,180 (n=5) | 792,710 (n=7) | 3,099,908 (n=11) | 1,633,441 (n=10) | 759,091 (n=4) | 1,043,118 (n=9) | 669,406 (n=7) | 1,326,427 (n=1) | 154,500 (n=3) | 754,568 (n=8) | 1,249,961 (n=8) | 469,702 (n=10) | 636,557 (n=8) | 508,264 (n=5) |
| Incumbent won with <60% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 12,773,107 (n=9) | 12,271,341 ^c (n=8) | 10,943,005 (n=8) | 12,579,501 ^a (n=6) | 9,424,745 (n=7) | 5,424,130 (n=8) | 5,738,301 (n=3) | 6,609,358 (n=7) | 5,052,842 (n=13) | 5,312,041 (n=14) | 4,550,595 (n=10) | 5,273,925 (n=12) | 6,235,198 (n=8) | 5,213,789 (n=7) | 4,505,574 (n=7) |
| Democrats | 14,909,900 (n=7) | 16,328,389 (n=5) | 9,052,039 (n=2) | 12,853,029 (n=3) | 8,819,323 (n=3) | 5,905,346 (n=4) | - (n=0) | 6,619,822 (n=5) | 6,383,863 (n=5) | 6,020,368 (n=11) | 2,841,405 (n=4) | 5,299,049 (n=7) | 6,829,055 (n=4) | 11,037,707 (n=1) | 1,833,432 (n=4) |
| Republicans | 5,294,331 (n=2) | 5,509,594 (n=3) | 11,573,327 (n=6) | 10,012,253 (n=2) | 9,878,811 (n=4) | 4,942,914 (n=4) | 5,738,301 (n=3) | 6,583,197 (n=2) | 4,220,954 (n=8) | 2,715,212 (n=3) | 5,690,055 (n=6) | 5,238,751 (n=5) | 5,641,341 (n=4) | 4,243,136 (n=6) | 8,068,429 (n=3) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 10,121,385 (n=8) | 9,032,104 (n=8) | 4,291,294 (n=8) | 10,356,810 ^b (n=6) | 4,337,629 (n=7) | 2,570,080 (n=8) | 2,757,598 (n=3) | 4,932,471 (n=7) | 3,660,942 (n=13) | 5,546,353 (n=14) | 2,283,708 (n=10) | 2,865,673 (n=12) | 3,784,451 (n=8) | 3,389,477 (n=7) | 2,296,194 (n=7) |
| Democrats | 11,624,934 (n=1) | 1,602,760 (n=2) | 4,672,807 (n=6) | 12,527,378 (n=3) | 4,240,253 (n=4) | 2,466,826 (n=4) | 2,757,598 (n=3) | 4,304,098 (n=2) | 3,521,336 (n=8) | 1,034,241 (n=3) | 3,032,533 (n=6) | 2,927,948 (n=5) | 3,209,075 (n=4) | 1,990,836 (n=6) | 4,028,715 (n=3) |
| Republicans | 9,906,592 (n=7) | 11,508,552 (n=6) | 3,146,756 (n=2) | 8,186,241 (n=3) | 4,467,463 (n=3) | 2,673,335 (n=4) | - (n=0) | 5,183,821 (n=5) | 3,884,311 (n=5) | 6,776,929 (n=11) | 1,160,471 (n=4) | 2,821,191 (n=7) | 4,359,826 (n=4) | 11,781,316 (n=1) | 996,804 (n=4) |
| Incumbent was defeated | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 35,058,354 (n=1) | 13,544,935 (n=2) | 11,986,236 (n=5) | 14,049,176 (n=6) | 19,975,170 (n=1) | 8,824,759 (n=3) | 7,622,785 (n=6) | 13,563,761 (n=3) | 4,468,434 (n=1) | 5,508,854 (n=2) | 4,894,814 (n=4) | 7,229,154 (n=1) | 2,579,437 (n=4) | 4,358,340 (n=7) | 3,520,088 (n=3) |
| Democrats | 0 (n=0) | 13,544,935 (n=2) | - (n=0) | - (n=0) | 19,975,170 (n=1) | 10,705,177 (n=2) | 681,0252 (n=1) | 7,129,612 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 5,508,854 (n=2) | 3,751,500 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | 1,338,622 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 2,380,239 (n=1) |
| Republicans | 35,058,354 (n=1) | 0 (n=0) | 11,986,236 (n=5) | 14,049,176 (n=6) | - (n=0) | 5,063,923 (n=1) | 7,785,291 (n=5) | 16,780,836 (n=2) | 4,468,434 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 6,074,128 (n=2) | 7,229,154 (n=1) | 2,993,042 (n=3) | 4,358,340 (n=7) | 4,090,013 (n=2) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 42,211,677 (n=1) | 9,219,425 (n=2) | 9,838,737 (n=5) | 10,039,869 (n=6) | 14,660,167 (n=1) | 4,698,340 (n=3) | 10,518,085 (n=6) | 14,251,319 (n=3) | 2,990,554 (n=1) | 8,125,137 (n=2) | 4,045,732 (n=4) | 1,380,560 (n=1) | 2,516,337 (n=4) | 3,098,027 (n=7) | 3,066,175 (n=3) |
| Democrats | 42,211,677 (n=1) | 0 (n=0) | 9,838,737 (n=5) | 10,039,869 (n=6) | NA (n=0) | 3,629,022 (n=1) | 8,628,233 (n=5) | 12,537,880 (n=2) | 2,990,554 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 5,016,438 (n=2) | 1,380,560 (n=1) | 2,996,572 (n=3) | 3,098,027 (n=7) | 3,711,199 (n=2) |
| Republicans | 0 (n=0) | 9,219,425 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 14,660,167 (n=1) | 5,232,999 (n=2) | 19,967,341 (n=1) | 17,678,198 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 8,125,137 (n=2) | 3,075,026 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | 1,075,631 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 1,776,128 (n=1) |

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a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

b. Alan Schlesinger (CT-Rep) is not included in the data. He raised \$221,019 and was third in the voting.

c. The Incumbents and Challengers in the category "Incumbent won with < 60%" are unbalanced due to the Alaska race which featured a Republican Incumbent and Challenger. The Democrat (McAdams) finished third and is not included.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

Table 3-6

| | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 | 1976 | 1974 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Incumbent won with 60% or more | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 1,494,578 (n=13) | 1,162,385 (n=10) | 456,062 (n=7) | 340,362 (n=11) | 447,234 (n=11) |
| Democrats | 1,401,794 (n=12) | 1,220,616 (n=6) | 559,046 (n=4) | 340,362 (n=11) | 447,234 (n=11) |
| Republicans | 2,607,983 (n=1) | 1,075,038 (n=4) | 318,749 (n=3) | - | - |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 777,830 (n=13) | 302,812 (n=9) | 47,346 (n=6) | 171,997 (n=9) | 222,955 (n=8) |
| Democrats | 424,507 (n=1) | 265,822 (n=4) | 38,458 (n=3) | - | - |
| Republicans | 807,276 (n=12) | 332,404 (n=5) | 56,233 (n=3) | 171,997 (n=9) | 222,955 (n=8) |
| Incumbent won with <60% | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 2,224,235 (n=14) | 945,423 (n=6) | 2,496,483 (n=8) | 503,773 (n=5) | 567,597 (n=14) |
| Democrats | 2,417,100 (n=5) | 796,984 (n=4) | 586,055 (n=2) | 1,237,910 (n=1) | 741,729 (n=4) |
| Republicans | 2,117,088 (n=9) | 1,242,300 (n=2) | 3,133,293 (n=6) | 320,239 (n=4) | 497,945 (n=10) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 1,615,338 (n=14) | 864,870 (n=6) | 1,075,965 (n=8) | 358,964 (n=5) | 298,133 (n=14) |
| Democrats | 1,629,490 (n=9) | 1,139,376 (n=2) | 1,212,929 (n=6) | 282,441 (n=4) | 254,374 (n=10) |
| Republicans | 1,589,864 (n=5) | 727,617 (n=4) | 332,537 (n=2) | 665,058 (n=1) | 407,531 (n=4) |
| Incumbent was defeated | | | | | |
| <i>Incumbents</i> | 1,658,623 (n=2) | 1,693,991 (n=9) | 908,348 (n=7) | 983,196 (n=9) | 513,456 (n=2) |
| Democrats | 1,625,042 (n=1) | 1,693,991 (n=9) | 678,406 (n=5) | 714,201 (n=5) | NA (n=0) |
| Republicans | 1,692,204 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 1,483,203 (n=2) | 1,319,440 (n=4) | 513,456 (n=2) |
| <i>Challengers</i> | 793,123 (n=2) | 1,367,400 (n=9) | 918,054 (n=7) | 784,392 (n=9) | 679,614 (n=2) |
| Democrats | 1,586,245 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 870,079 (n=2) | 1,008,440 (n=4) | 679,614 (n=2) |
| Republicans | 981,197 (n=1) | 1,367,400 (n=9) | 937,244 (n=5) | 605,153 (n=5) | NA (n=0) |

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Table 3-7 Senate Expenditures: Open Senate Seats, Major Party General Election Candidates, by Election Outcome, 1986-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| All winners | 9,002,453 ^c (n=11) | 8,748,313 (n=14) | 8,127,925 (n=5) | 10,566,377 ^c (n=4) | 9,853,572 (n=8) | 7,202,893 (n=7) | 21,625,081 (n=5) | 3,820,837 (n=5) | 3,582,000 (n=14) |
| Democrats | 9,540,989 (n=7) | 5,496,821 (n=3) | 11,074,580 (n=3) | 8,847,675 (n=2) | 12,129,704 (n=2) | 2,926,239 (n=1) | 25,627,472 (n=4) | 3,518,576 (n=2) | 4,532,955 (n=5) |
| Republicans | 9,783,848 (n=3) | 9,635,083 (n=11) | 3,707,943 (n=2) | 18,565,935 (n=1) | 9,094,861 (n=6) | 7,915,668 (n=6) | 5,615,514 (n=1) | 4,022,354 (n=3) | 3,053,692 (n=9) |
| Winners with 60% or more | 4,243,614 ^c (n=2) | 7,277,797 (n=5) | 7,996,916 (n=3) | 7,512,141 ^c (n=2) | 10,789,785 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 2,739,093 (n=2) | 2,518,955 (n=2) |
| Democrats | 5,598,705 (n=1) | 0 (n=0) | 10,178,089 (n=2) | 9,020,059 (n=1) | 14,372,856 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 3,914,375 (n=1) | 2,732,011 (n=1) |
| Republicans | n/a (n=0) | 7,277,797 (n=5) | 3,634,570 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 7,206,714 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 1,563,811 (n=1) | 2,305,898 (n=1) |
| Winners with <60% | 10,059,973 (n=9) | 9,565,266 (n=9) | 8,324,439 (n=2) | 13,620,613 (n=2) | 9,541,501 (n=6) | 7,202,893 (n=7) | 21,625,081 ^a (n=5) | 4,542,000 (n=3) | 3,759,175 (n=12) |
| Democrats | 10,198,036 (n=6) | 5,496,821 (n=3) | 12,867,562 (n=1) | 8,675,291 (n=1) | 9,886,551 (n=1) | 2,926,239 (n=1) | 25,627,472 (n=4) | 3,122,776 (n=1) | 4,983,191 (n=4) |
| Republicans | 9,783,848 (n=3) | 11,599,489 (n=6) | 3,781,316 (n=1) | 18,565,935 (n=1) | 9,472,491 (n=5) | 7,915,668 (n=6) | 5,615,514 (n=1) | 5,251,613 (n=2) | 3,147,166 (n=8) |
| All losers | 10,526,159 (n=11) | 8,683,245 ^c (n=14) | 3,501,406 (n=5) | 10,209,886 (n=4) | 6,862,133 (n=8) | 6,864,645 (n=7) | 11,986,423 ^b (n=5) | 1,611,064 (n=5) | 3,052,627 (n=14) |
| Democrats | 4,183,888 (n=3) | 4,799,884 (n=10) | 1,666,759 (n=2) | 15,554,709 (n=1) | 7,415,523 (n=6) | 6,240,945 (n=6) | 2,449,093 (n=1) | 2,106,510 (n=3) | 1,901,122 (n=9) |
| Republicans | 12,904,510 (n=8) | 19,985,969 (n=3) | 4,724,505 (n=3) | 8,428,279 (n=3) | 5,201,962 (n=2) | 10,606,843 (n=1) | 14,370,756 (n=4) | 867,896 (n=2) | 5,125,336 (n=5) |
| Losers with >40% | 12,074,270 (n=9) | 11,410,932 (n=9) | 4,558,708 (n=2) | 11,885,985 (n=2) | 7,913,929 (n=6) | 6,862,710 (n=7) | 11,986,423 (n=5) | 2,390,365 (n=3) | 3,439,376 (n=12) |
| Democrats | 4,183,888 (n=3) | 7,123,413 (n=6) | 1,911,771 (n=1) | 15,554,709 (n=1) | 7,924,995 (n=5) | 6,240,945 (n=6) | 2,449,093 (n=1) | 3,039,044 (n=2) | 2,051,827 (n=8) |
| Republicans | 16,019,461 (n=6) | 19,985,969 (n=3) | 7,205,644 (n=1) | 8,217,260 (n=1) | 7,858,598 (n=1) | 10,606,843 (n=1) | 14,370,756 (n=4) | 1,093,007 (n=1) | 6,214,473 (n=4) |
| Losers with 40% or less | 3,559,658 (n=2) | 3,773,408 ^c (n=5) | 2,796,539 (n=3) | 8,533,788 (n=2) | 3,706,745 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 442,114 (n=2) | 732,136 (n=2) |
| Democrats | n/a (n=0) | 1,314,591 (n=4) | 1,421,746 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 4,868,165 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 241,443 (n=1) | 695,482 (n=1) |
| Republicans | 3,559,658 (n=2) | NA (n=0) | 3,483,935 (n=2) | 8,533,788 (n=2) | 2,545,325 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | NA (n=0) | 642,784 (n=1) | 768,789 (n=1) |

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a. Jon Corzine (D-NJ) spent \$63,209,506. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) spent \$29,871,577. Excluding these candidates, the remaining winners (n=3) in open Senate seats spent an average of \$5,014,773. For Democrats the average would be \$4,714,403 (n=2). The Republican figure would be unchanged.

b. Rick Lazio spent \$40,576,273. Excluding him from the candidates who lost with more than 40%, the average for all candidates would be \$4,838,961 (n=4). The average for Republican candidates would be \$5,635,583 (n=3). The average for Democrats would be unchanged.

c. Includes one or more Independents.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-7

| | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| All winners | 3,378,624 (n=9) | 3,338,507 (n=8) | 2,264,872 (n=3) | 3,779,715 (n=6) | 3,827,158 (n=7) |
| Democrats | 0 (n=0) | 4,177,040 (n=5) | 0 (n=0) | 5,186,633 (n=2) | 2,714,673 (n=4) |
| Republicans | 3,378,624 (n=9) | 1,940,951 (n=3) | 2,264,872 (n=3) | 3,076,256 (n=4) | 5,310,471 (n=3) |
| Winners with 60% or more | 2,754,664 (n=4) | 1,191,005 (n=1) | 1,535,352 (n=2) | 1,879,272 (n=2) | 2,216,412 (n=2) |
| Democrats | NA (n=0) | 1,191,005 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 2,881,666 (n=1) | 2,057,422 (n=1) |
| Republicans | 2,754,644 (n=4) | NA (n=0) | 1,535,352 (n=2) | 876,877 (n=1) | 2,375,402 (n=1) |
| Winners with <60% | 3,868,793 (n=5) | 3,645,293 (n=7) | 3,723,911 (n=1) | 4,729,937 (n=4) | 4,471,457 (n=5) |
| Democrats | NA (n=0) | 4,923,549 (n=4) | NA (n=0) | 7,491,600 (n=1) | 2,933,757 (n=3) |
| Republicans | 3,868,793 (n=5) | 1,940,951 (n=3) | 3,723,911 (n=1) | 3,809,383 (n=3) | 6,778,006 (n=2) |
| All losers | 2,634,075 (n=9) | 2,506,064 (n=8) | 934,046 (n=3) | 1,959,051 (n=6) | 2,952,009 (n=7) |
| Democrats | 2,634,075 (n=9) | 1,412,146 (n=3) | 934,046 (n=3) | 2,154,558 (n=4) | 2,181,463 (n=3) |
| Republicans | NA (n=0) | 3,162,415 (n=5) | NA (n=0) | 1,568,036 (n=2) | 3,529,919 (n=4) |
| Losers with >40% | 2,802,500 (n=5) | 2,792,915 (n=7) | 1,936,914 (n=1) | 2,730,542 (n=4) | 3,686,638 (n=5) |
| Democrats | 2,802,500 (n=5) | 1,412,146 (n=3) | 1,936,914 (n=1) | 2,689,441 (n=3) | 3,006,346 (n=2) |
| Republicans | NA (n=0) | 3,828,492 (n=4) | NA (n=0) | 2,853,842 (n=1) | 4,140,166 (n=3) |
| Losers with 40% or less | 2,423,544 (n=4) | 498,107 (n=1) | 432,613 (n=2) | 416,069 (n=2) | 1,115,437 (n=2) |
| Democrats | 2,423,544 (n=4) | NA (n=0) | 432,613 (n=2) | 549,908 (n=1) | 531,698 (n=1) |
| Republicans | NA (n=0) | 498,107 (n=1) | NA (n=0) | 282,229 (n=1) | 1,699,175 (n=1) |

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

| Party and Candidate Status | Number of candidates | Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions) | Percentage of funding from | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|--|-------|
| | | | Individuals | PAC's | Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures) | Candidate to self (contributions plus loans) | Other |
| House, 2012 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 784 | 970.9 | 56 | 35 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| All Democrats | 390 | 414.4 | 57 | 35 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Incumbents | 162 | 231.3 | 49 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Challengers | 170 | 112.9 | 67 | 17 | 3 | 12 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 58 | 70.3 | 64 | 23 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| All Republicans | 394 | 556.5 | 56 | 34 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 216 | 428.8 | 54 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 118 | 62.9 | 63 | 12 | 3 | 21 | 1 |
| Open Seats | 60 | 64.9 | 62 | 22 | 2 | 11 | 3 |
| Senate, 2012 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 61 | 491.8 | 67 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 28 | 287.1 | 77 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 153.1 | 71 | 18 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Challengers | 3 | 53.3 | 91 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 10 | 80.7 | 80 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| All Republicans | 33 | 204.7 | 57 | 11 | 3 | 25 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 6 | 59.1 | 69 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Challengers | 16 | 62.8 | 63 | 6 | 4 | 21 | 6 |
| Open Seats | 11 | 82.8 | 47 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 2 |
| House, 2010 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 799 | 949.3 | 57 | 33 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| All Democrats | 388 | 469.9 | 54 | 40 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Incumbents | 236 | 385.7 | 51 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Challengers | 111 | 42.3 | 71 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 41 | 41.8 | 69 | 22 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| All Republicans | 411 | 479.4 | 60 | 27 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| Incumbents | 157 | 228.1 | 55 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Challengers | 214 | 195.1 | 64 | 12 | 4 | 18 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 40 | 56.2 | 65 | 23 | 2 | 9 | 2 |
| Senate, 2010 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 72 | 597.6 | 61 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 7 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 242.3 | 70 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 147.5 | 71 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Challengers | 8 | 14.1 | 67 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 14 | 80.7 | 68 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| All Republicans | 38 | 355.3 | 55 | 12 | 5 | 21 | 8 |
| Incumbents | 11 | 74.0 | 52 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Challengers | 13 | 102.4 | 64 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 6 |
| Open Seats | 14 | 178.9 | 51 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 3 |
| House, 2008 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 754 | 845.2 | 54 | 36 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 410 | 476.7 | 53 | 39 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Incumbents | 227 | 316.0 | 48 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Challengers | 146 | 98.8 | 67 | 17 | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| Open Seats | 38 | 62.0 | 56 | 27 | 1 | 15 | 2 |
| All Republicans | 344 | 370.6 | 55 | 32 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Incumbents | 170 | 243.8 | 52 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 137 | 66.8 | 66 | 11 | 3 | 19 | 1 |
| Open Seats | 37 | 60.0 | 55 | 18 | 3 | 24 | 0 |
| Senate, 2008 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 66 | 399.2 | 63 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 210.5 | 65 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 83.7 | 53 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 19 |
| Challengers | 17 | 90.7 | 71 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 17 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 36.2 | 77 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| All Republicans | 32 | 188.6 | 60 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| Incumbents | 18 | 154.0 | 59 | 25 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Challengers | 9 | 12.5 | 68 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 6 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 22.2 | 66 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 10 |

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

| Party and Candidate Status | Number of candidates | Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions) | Percentage of funding from | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|--|-------|
| | | | Individuals | PAC's | Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures) | Candidate to self (contributions plus loans) | Other |
| House, 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 815 | 777.8 | 54 | 35 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 427 | 375.5 | 58 | 33 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 191 | 205.9 | 49 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 203 | 115.3 | 70 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 33 | 54.3 | 66 | 20 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| All Republicans | 388 | 402.3 | 51 | 38 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 211 | 318.4 | 50 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 144 | 36.2 | 56 | 10 | 2 | 27 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 33 | 47.7 | 52 | 23 | 3 | 16 | 6 |
| Senate, 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 65 | 530.9 | 67 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 31 | 275.5 | 70 | 11 | 2 | 13 | 3 |
| Incumbents | 14 | 141.3 | 76 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Challengers | 14 | 101.7 | 59 | 6 | 3 | 29 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 3 | 32.5 | 82 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| All Republicans | 32 | 230.2 | 60 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 14 | 125.4 | 65 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Challengers | 14 | 61.2 | 54 | 5 | 4 | 34 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 4 | 43.6 | 55 | 10 | 3 | 26 | 5 |
| House, 2004 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 812 | 609.5 | 55 | 35 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 403 | 274.1 | 56 | 34 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Incumbents | 193 | 190.5 | 55 | 41 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Challengers | 177 | 50.4 | 69 | 15 | 2 | 20 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 33 | 33.2 | 63 | 26 | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| All Republicans | 409 | 335.4 | 54 | 36 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 210 | 246.5 | 53 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Challengers | 163 | 41.5 | 67 | 13 | 6 | 11 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 36 | 47.4 | 50 | 25 | 6 | 14 | 5 |
| Senate, 2004 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 69 | 367.0 | 69 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| All Democrats | 35 | 194.7 | 73 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 14 | 103.3 | 73 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 12 | 18.6 | 77 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 9 | 72.8 | 73 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| All Republicans | 34 | 172.3 | 64 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 65.6 | 63 | 29 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 14 | 45.3 | 69 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 8 | 61.4 | 61 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 14 |
| House, 2002 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 807 | 556.7 | 49 | 36 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 400 | 273.2 | 46 | 36 | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 193 | 170.1 | 48 | 45 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 161 | 53.7 | 41 | 16 | 2 | 38 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 46 | 49.5 | 45 | 24 | 2 | 25 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 407 | 283.5 | 51 | 35 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 199 | 192.4 | 50 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 162 | 33.1 | 58 | 12 | 7 | 20 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 46 | 58.1 | 49 | 25 | 5 | 17 | 4 |
| Senate, 2002 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 69 | 300.5 | 63 | 19 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| All Democrats | 33 | 139.9 | 68 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 72.8 | 71 | 22 | 1 | < 1 | 6 |
| Challengers | 17 | 36.3 | 69 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 4 | 30.8 | 59 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 7 |
| All Republicans | 36 | 160.6 | 58 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 51.8 | 55 | 36 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 17 | 68.5 | 55 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 9 |
| Open Seats | 4 | 40.3 | 68 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 6 |

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

| Party and Candidate Status | Number of candidates | Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions) | Percentage of funding from | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|--|-------|
| | | | Individuals | PAC's | Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures) | Candidate to self (contributions plus loans) | Other |
| House, 2000 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 820 | 550.0 | 51 | 34 | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 416 | 271.6 | 50 | 36 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 206 | 170.5 | 48 | 45 | 1 | < 1 | 7 |
| Challengers | 176 | 66.1 | 56 | 19 | 2 | 18 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 32 | 34.9 | 47 | 23 | 4 | 22 | 5 |
| All Republicans | 404 | 278.4 | 54 | 33 | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 197 | 190.7 | 54 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 175 | 45.9 | 58 | 15 | 5 | 18 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 32 | 76.9 | 49 | 29 | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| Senate, 2000 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 70 | 387.3 | 53 | 13 | 4 | 24 | 6 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 210.2 | 40 | 9 | 3 | 43 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 11 | 46.5 | 56 | 20 | 6 | 12 | 5 |
| Challengers | 18 | 56.4 | 43 | 8 | 1 | 41 | 8 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 107.3 | 32 | 4 | 2 | 57 | 5 |
| All Republicans | 36 | 177.1 | 68 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 18 | 90.7 | 60 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Challengers | 13 | 20.9 | 70 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 10 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 65.5 | 79 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 3 |
| House, 1998 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 782 | 436.1 | 51 | 35 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 390 | 199.6 | 49 | 38 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 194 | 130.6 | 47 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 162 | 41.6 | 52 | 19 | 4 | 21 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 34 | 27.4 | 59 | 27 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| All Republicans | 392 | 236.5 | 53 | 33 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 211 | 166.6 | 54 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 149 | 42.3 | 54 | 15 | 8 | 17 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 32 | 27.6 | 45 | 28 | 5 | 18 | 3 |
| Senate, 1998 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 70 | 265.9 | 58 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 7 |
| All Democrats | 35 | 126.1 | 58 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 71.9 | 65 | 22 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| Challengers | 15 | 39.4 | 45 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 15 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 14.7 | 59 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 26 |
| All Republicans | 35 | 139.8 | 57 | 19 | 7 | 12 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 14 | 72.7 | 60 | 26 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Challengers | 16 | 52.7 | 52 | 9 | 8 | 29 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 14.3 | 59 | 25 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| House, 1996 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 873 | 460.8 | 53 | 33 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 435 | 211.6 | 48 | 35 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 171 | 108.8 | 47 | 46 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 211 | 67.3 | 50 | 24 | 6 | 17 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 53 | 35.5 | 48 | 26 | 5 | 18 | 3 |
| All Republicans | 438 | 249.2 | 57 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 213 | 171.3 | 58 | 37 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Challengers | 174 | 40.0 | 64 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 51 | 35.0 | 53 | 23 | 8 | 12 | 3 |
| Senate, 1996 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 68 | 242.1 | 58 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 116.2 | 59 | 13 | 8 | 16 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 7 | 36.4 | 74 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Challengers | 14 | 36.5 | 50 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 13 | 43.3 | 55 | 18 | 11 | 9 | 7 |
| All Republicans | 34 | 125.9 | 57 | 21 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 13 | 50.0 | 57 | 29 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Challengers | 8 | 25.6 | 70 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 13 | 50.3 | 50 | 18 | 9 | 18 | 5 |

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

| Party and Candidate Status | Number of candidates | Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions) | Percentage of funding from | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|--|-------|
| | | | Individuals | PAC's | Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures) | Candidate to self (contributions plus loans) | Other |
| House, 1994 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 824 | 371.3 | 49 | 34 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 403 | 196.7 | 43 | 43 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 226 | 142.4 | 34 | 50 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| Challengers | 130 | 23.6 | 45 | 23 | 11 | 17 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 47 | 30.7 | 47 | 27 | 8 | 15 | 3 |
| All Republicans | 421 | 174.6 | 56 | 24 | 6 | 11 | 3 |
| Incumbents | 157 | 82.9 | 58 | 36 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Challengers | 217 | 58.6 | 56 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 47 | 33.1 | 50 | 19 | 8 | 19 | 4 |
| Senate, 1994 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 70 | 291.7 | 54 | 15 | 8 | 19 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 35 | 124.9 | 55 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 16 | 86.4 | 54 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 6 |
| Challengers | 10 | 11.7 | 46 | 16 | 13 | 21 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 9 | 26.9 | 60 | 16 | 14 | 3 | 7 |
| All Republicans | 35 | 166.7 | 53 | 13 | 6 | 24 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 10 | 35.4 | 60 | 30 | 6 | <1 | 4 |
| Challengers | 16 | 96.1 | 47 | 3 | 5 | 41 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 9 | 35.2 | 61 | 21 | 11 | 1 | 6 |
| House, 1992 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 851 | 331.5 | 47 | 36 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| All Democrats | 427 | 184.7 | 43 | 43 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 213 | 122.1 | 40 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Challengers | 140 | 25.1 | 48 | 26 | 10 | 13 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 74 | 37.5 | 49 | 30 | 4 | 17 | <1 |
| All Republicans | 424 | 146.9 | 51 | 26 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 138 | 74.8 | 52 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 216 | 44.5 | 47 | 9 | 10 | 22 | 12 |
| Open Seats | 70 | 27.5 | 57 | 21 | 7 | 14 | 1 |
| Senate, 1992 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 71 | 214.2 | 58 | 21 | 13 | 5 | 3 |
| All Democrats | 35 | 108.5 | 60 | 23 | 11 | 2 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 43.9 | 52 | 35 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| Challengers | 13 | 43.1 | 68 | 12 | 14 | 3 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 7 | 21.5 | 61 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 36 | 106.9 | 55 | 19 | 15 | 7 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 59.4 | 58 | 25 | 13 | <1 | 4 |
| Challengers | 17 | 24.0 | 55 | 9 | 20 | 14 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 7 | 23.5 | 48 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 2 |
| House, 1990 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 807 | 257.5 | 44 | 40 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| All Democrats | 413 | 146.5 | 39 | 47 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 249 | 113.2 | 37 | 52 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Challengers | 132 | 16.0 | 44 | 27 | 9 | 16 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 32 | 17.3 | 42 | 33 | 4 | 17 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 394 | 108.8 | 51 | 32 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 159 | 70.7 | 50 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Challengers | 206 | 23.9 | 54 | 10 | 7 | 24 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 29 | 14.1 | 50 | 24 | 10 | 12 | 4 |
| Senate, 1990 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 67 | 191.0 | 61 | 21 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 90.8 | 63 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 17 | 66.7 | 65 | 25 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Challengers | 14 | 21.0 | 58 | 12 | 9 | 15 | 6 |
| Open Seats | 3 | 3.1 | 50 | 18 | 11 | 21 | <1 |
| All Republicans | 33 | 100.2 | 59 | 21 | 9 | 5 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 58.9 | 65 | 22 | 7 | 0 | 6 |
| Challengers | 15 | 33.4 | 51 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| Open Seats | 3 | 7.9 | 43 | 36 | 7 | 0 | 14 |

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

| Party and Candidate Status | Number of candidates | Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions) | Percentage of funding from | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|---|--|-------|
| | | | Individuals | PAC's | Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures) | Candidate to self (contributions plus loans) | Other |
| House, 1988 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 813 | 249.0 | 46 | 40 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 429 | 140.0 | 40 | 47 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 238 | 103.8 | 39 | 51 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Challengers | 154 | 23.5 | 46 | 31 | 7 | 13 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 27 | 12.7 | 39 | 36 | 7 | 14 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 384 | 109.0 | 52 | 31 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 164 | 73.7 | 51 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Challengers | 194 | 21.6 | 55 | 10 | 13 | 19 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 26 | 13.7 | 54 | 21 | 13 | 12 | <1 |
| Senate, 1988 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 66 | 199.4 | 59 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 33 | 103.0 | 58 | 23 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 15 | 53.0 | 61 | 29 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 12 | 29.1 | 66 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 6 | 20.9 | 37 | 16 | 8 | 35 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 33 | 96.3 | 61 | 22 | 11 | 2 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 50.8 | 62 | 26 | 8 | <1 | 4 |
| Challengers | 15 | 27.7 | 63 | 11 | 18 | 6 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 6 | 17.8 | 54 | 26 | 13 | 1 | 6 |
| House, 1986 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 810 | 234.2 | 48 | 36 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| All Democrats | 427 | 125.7 | 44 | 42 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 235 | 84.1 | 42 | 49 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Challengers | 147 | 22.1 | 49 | 29 | 6 | 13 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 45 | 19.5 | 47 | 31 | 3 | 15 | 4 |
| All Republicans | 383 | 108.5 | 53 | 29 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 160 | 67.3 | 53 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 182 | 21.4 | 54 | 11 | 10 | 22 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 41 | 19.8 | 53 | 24 | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| Senate, 1986 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 68 | 208.6 | 60 | 21 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 34 | 90.2 | 56 | 22 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 9 | 28.2 | 62 | 26 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| Challengers | 18 | 40.3 | 51 | 19 | 9 | 16 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 7 | 21.7 | 60 | 22 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| All Republicans | 34 | 118.5 | 63 | 21 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 18 | 68.9 | 63 | 24 | 8 | <1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 9 | 20.4 | 64 | 9 | 18 | 6 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 7 | 29.1 | 61 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| House, 1984 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 816 | 203.8 | 47 | 36 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| All Democrats | 434 | 107.2 | 44 | 41 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Incumbents | 258 | 81.8 | 39 | 46 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Challengers | 152 | 16.3 | 43 | 29 | 6 | 18 | 5 |
| Open Seats | 24 | 9.1 | 45 | 22 | 6 | 24 | 3 |
| All Republicans | 382 | 96.6 | 49 | 30 | 11 | 6 | 5 |
| Incumbents | 154 | 52.1 | 51 | 37 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 204 | 33.8 | 48 | 18 | 17 | 13 | 4 |
| Open Seats | 24 | 10.7 | 47 | 31 | 13 | 7 | 2 |
| Senate, 1984 | | | | | | | |
| All candidates | 68 | 157.7 | 61 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| All Democrats | 33 | 73.1 | 56 | 18 | 6 | 16 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 12 | 22.8 | 61 | 28 | 3 | <1 | 8 |
| Challengers | 17 | 25.5 | 69 | 17 | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| Open Seats | 4 | 24.8 | 39 | 9 | 6 | 44 | 2 |
| All Republicans | 35 | 84.6 | 65 | 18 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Incumbents | 17 | 55.7 | 68 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Challengers | 13 | 10.0 | 55 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 2 |
| Open Seats | 5 | 19.0 | 60 | 10 | 9 | 17 | 8 |

a. In 2000, without Jon Corzine (D-NJ), the self-funding percentage for open seat Democrats would be only 2%, for all Democrats it would be 20%, and for all candidates it would be 10%.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-9 Number Political Action Committees Making Contribution to Candidates, 1976-2012

| Committee Type | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 | 1976 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Corporate | 1,223 | 1,492 | 1,470 | 1,463 | 1,402 | 1,359 | 1,365 | 1,425 | 1,470 | 1,468 | 1,514 | 1,540 | 1,616 | 1,584 | 1,584 | 1,317 | 1,037 | 704 | 433 |
| Labor | 137 | 199 | 203 | 202 | 206 | 215 | 236 | 232 | 236 | 255 | 255 | 233 | 256 | 261 | 261 | 293 | 225 | 215 | 224 |
| Trade/membership/health | 700 | 907 | 794 | 734 | 722 | 697 | 662 | 664 | 650 | 633 | 633 | 609 | 633 | 598 | 598 | 407 | 463 | 122 | 489 |
| Nonconnected | 902 | 842 | 1,023 | 870 | 819 | 700 | 670 | 560 | 529 | 509 | 534 | 511 | 630 | 576 | 576 | 204 | 201 | 400 | - |
| Cooperative | 29 | 34 | 39 | 35 | 34 | 36 | 37 | 41 | 41 | 50 | 48 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 46 | 27 | 11 | - |
| Corporation without stock | 55 | 83 | 84 | 89 | 75 | 86 | 94 | 102 | 109 | 112 | 114 | 114 | 122 | 117 | 117 | 78 | 44 | 22 | - |
| Total | 3,046 | 3,557 | 3,613 | 3,393 | 3,258 | 3,093 | 3,064 | 3,024 | 3,035 | 3,027 | 3,098 | 3,058 | 3,308 | 3,187 | 3,187 | 2,345 | 1,997 | 1,474 | 1146 |

a. For 1976, the number of registered PACs is listed.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-10 PAC Contributions to Congressional Candidates 1978-2012 (in \$ millions)

| Type of PAC | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | 2000 | 1998 | 1996 | 1994 | 1992 | 1990 | 1988 | 1986 | 1984 | 1982 | 1980 | 1978 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor | 52.7 | 61.6 | 61 | 56.9 | 50.3 | 51.9 | 50.2 | 43.4 | 46.5 | 40.7 | 39.7 | 33.6 | 33.9 | 29.9 | 24.8 | 20.3 | 13.2 | 9.9 |
| Corporate | 167.1 | 153.7 | 143.6 | 128.4 | 104.3 | 91.6 | 84.2 | 71.1 | 69.7 | 64.1 | 64.3 | 53.5 | 50.4 | 46.2 | 35.5 | 27.5 | 19.2 | 9.5 |
| Trade/membership/health | 117.1 | 126.2 | 106.1 | 98.4 | 78.2 | 71.5 | 68.3 | 59.0 | 56.2 | 50.1 | 51.4 | 42.5 | 38.9 | 32.9 | 26.7 | 21.9 | 15.9 | 11.2 |
| Nonconnected | 77.1 | 53.6 | 63.8 | 70.9 | 49.8 | 44.6 | 35.6 | 27.1 | 22.0 | 17.3 | 17.5 | 14.3 | 19.2 | 18.8 | 14.5 | 10.7 | 4.9 | 2.5 |
| Other | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 8.74 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| Total | 425.5 | 406.8 | 385.9 | 363.3 | 289.1 | 266.1 | 245.4 | 206.8 | 201.2 | 178.8 | 179.4 | 149.7 | 147.8 | 132.7 | 105.3 | 83.6 | 55.2 | 34.1 |

Note: The data are for contributions to all candidates up for election in the year indicated that were made during the two-year cycle.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

| | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Total percent | Total dollars (in millions) |
|--------------|-------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | | |
| | D | R | D | R | D | R | | D | R | D | R | D | R | | | | | |
| | House, 2012 | | | | | | | Senate, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 25 | 49 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 81 | 131.0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 31.1 | 100% | 162.1 |
| Association | 26 | 46 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 82 | 101.4 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 21.6 | 100% | 123.0 |
| Labor | 49 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 88 | 50.3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 6.9 | 100% | 57.2 |
| Nonconnected | 20 | 24 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 68 | 34.4 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 32 | 16.4 | 100% | 50.8 |
| Other PACs | 28 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 83 | 9.8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 2.0 | 100% | 11.8 |
| All PACs | 28 | 39 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 81 | 326.9 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 78.0 | 100% | 404.8 |
| | House, 2010 | | | | | | | Senate, 2010 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 39 | 31 | <1 | 3 | <1 | 3 | 77 | 111.0 | 7 | 8 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 32.8 | 100% | 143.8 |
| Association | 41 | 28 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 4 | 80 | 95.3 | 6 | 6 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 24.1 | 100% | 119.4 |
| Labor | 72 | 5 | 5 | <1 | 7 | <1 | 89 | 51.6 | 5 | <1 | 1 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 11 | 6.6 | 100% | 58.1 |
| Nonconnected | 32 | 13 | 2 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 72 | 36.1 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 13.8 | 100% | 49.9 |
| Other PACs | 43 | 29 | <1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 83 | 9.2 | 6 | 4 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 1.9 | 100% | 11.1 |
| All PACs | 44 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 79 | 303.2 | 7 | 5 | <1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 79.1 | 100% | 382.3 |
| | House, 2008 | | | | | | | Senate, 2008 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 38 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 77 | 108.4 | 6 | 13 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 33.3 | 100% | 141.7 |
| Association | 40 | 30 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 82 | 85.9 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 19.8 | 100% | 105.7 |
| Labor | 56 | 6 | 18 | <1 | 8 | <1 | 88 | 53.5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | <1 | 2 | <1 | 12 | 7.1 | 100% | 60.6 |
| Nonconnected | 23 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 71 | 44.3 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 17.8 | 100% | 62.1 |
| Other PACs | 41 | 33 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 83 | 9.4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 1.9 | 100% | 11.3 |
| All PACs | 39 | 26 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 79 | 301.6 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 79.9 | 100% | 381.5 |
| | House, 2006 | | | | | | | Senate, 2006 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 25 | 49 | <1 | <1 | 1 | 2 | 78 | 99.9 | 7 | 11.1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 28.5 | 100% | 128.4 |
| Association | 28 | 46 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 83 | 81.3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 100% | 98.3 |
| Labor | 51 | 10 | 18 | <1 | 8 | <1 | 87 | 49.4 | 6 | 1 | 4 | <1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 7.5 | 100% | 56.9 |
| Nonconnected | 14 | 36 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 75 | 52.9 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 18.0 | 100% | 70.9 |
| Other PACs | 31 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 77 | 7.1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 23 | 2.2 | 100% | 9.3 |
| All PACs | 28 | 39 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 80 | 290.7 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 73.1 | 100% | 363.8 |
| | House, 2004 | | | | | | | Senate, 2004 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 23 | 47 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 76 | 79.1 | 7 | 10 | <1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 25.2 | 100% | 104.3 |
| Association | 26 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 81 | 63.2 | 6 | 7 | <1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 15.0 | 100% | 78.2 |
| Labor | 56 | 10 | 10 | <1 | 8 | 1 | 85 | 42.8 | 7 | 1 | 2 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 15 | 7.6 | 100% | 50.3 |
| Nonconnected | 14 | 30 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 71 | 35.2 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 29 | 14.6 | 100% | 49.8 |
| Other PACs | 29 | 42 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 79 | 5.1 | 8 | 6 | <1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 1.4 | 100% | 6.5 |
| All PACs | 28 | 37 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 78 | 225.4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 63.7 | 100% | 289.1 |

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

| | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Total percent | Total dollars (in millions) |
|--------------|-------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | | |
| | D | R | D | R | D | R | | D | R | D | R | D | R | | | | | |
| | House, 2002 | | | | | | | | Senate, 2002 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 24 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 74 | 68.2 | 7 | 10 | <1 | 4 | <1 | 3 | 26 | 23.4 | 100% | 91.6 |
| Association | 27 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 80 | 57.2 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 4 | <1 | 2 | 20 | 14.3 | 100% | 71.5 |
| Labor | 53 | 8 | 10 | <1 | 14 | 1 | 85 | 44.4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | <1 | 2 | <1 | 15 | 7.5 | 100% | 51.9 |
| Nonconnected | 18 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 72 | 32.2 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 12.5 | 100% | 44.6 |
| Other PACs | 29 | 38 | <1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 76 | 4.9 | 9 | 8 | <1 | 4 | <1 | 2 | 24 | 1.5 | 100% | 6.5 |
| All PACs | 30 | 31 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 78 | 206.9 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 59.2 | 100% | 266.1 |
| | House, 2000 | | | | | | | | Senate, 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 25 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 74 | 61.3 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 26 | 21.6 | 100% | 83 |
| Association | 29 | 39 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 81 | 54.1 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 13.0 | 100% | 67.1 |
| Labor | 55 | 7 | 16 | <1 | 9 | <1 | 87 | 42.6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | <1 | 3 | <1 | 13 | 6.1 | 100% | 48.7 |
| Nonconnected | 19 | 24 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 76 | 26.3 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 8.3 | 100% | 34.6 |
| Other PACs | 33 | 36 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 80 | 5.5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 1.4 | 100% | 6.9 |
| All PACs | 32 | 31 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 79 | 189.9 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 50.5 | 100% | 240.3 |
| | House, 1998 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 21 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 70 | 50.3 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 29 | 20.9 | 100% | 71.1 |
| Association | 25 | 40 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 79 | 46.5 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 12.5 | 100% | 59.0 |
| Labor | 54 | 7 | 12 | <1 | 13 | <1 | 86 | 37.3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | <1 | 2 | <1 | 14 | 6.0 | 100% | 43.4 |
| Nonconnected | 18 | 24 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 74 | 20.0 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 7.1 | 100% | 27.1 |
| Other PACs | 31 | 35 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 76 | 4.7 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 1.5 | 100% | 6.2 |
| All PACs | 29 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 77 | 158.7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 48.1 | 100% | 206.8 |
| | House, 1996 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 20 | 44 | <1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 74 | 51.3 | 2 | 11 | <1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 26 | 18.3 | 100% | 69.6 |
| Association | 21 | 40 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 79 | 44.0 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 12.0 | 100% | 56.0 |
| Labor | 41 | 5 | 25 | <1 | 13 | <1 | 85 | 39.4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | <1 | 8 | <1 | 15 | 6.9 | 100% | 46.3 |
| Nonconnected | 16 | 26 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 69 | 15.1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 31 | 6.9 | 100% | 22.0 |
| Other PACs | 27 | 36 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 76 | 5.2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 1.5 | 100% | 6.7 |
| All PACs | 25 | 30 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 76 | 155.0 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 45.6 | 100% | 200.6 |
| | House, 1994 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1994 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 34 | 22 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 68 | 43.4 | 9 | 9 | <1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 32 | 20.6 | 100% | 64.1 |
| Association | 37 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 77 | 38.6 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 11.3 | 100% | 50.0 |
| Labor | 55 | 3 | 10 | <1 | 14 | <1 | 82 | 33.3 | 9 | <1 | 4 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 18 | 7.2 | 100% | 40.4 |
| Nonconnected | 31 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 66 | 11.6 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 33 | 5.6 | 100% | 17.3 |
| Other PACs | 43 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 74 | 4.0 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 1.8 | 100% | 6.6 |
| All PACs | 40 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 74 | 138.8 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 26 | 46.5 | 100% | 178.4 |

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

| | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Total percent | Total dollars (in millions) |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Incumbent D | Incumbent R | Challenger D | Challenger R | Open seat D | Open seat R | | | Incumbent D | Incumbent R | Challenger D | Challenger R | Open seat D | Open seat R | | | | |
| | House, 1992 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1992 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 32 | 23 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 67 | 42.9 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 33 | 21.2 | 100% | 64.1 |
| Association | 35 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 76 | 38.7 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 12.4 | 100% | 51.1 |
| Labor | 48 | 3 | 11 | <1 | 16 | 1 | 78 | 30.5 | 9 | 1 | 7 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 22 | 8.6 | 100% | 39.1 |
| Nonconnected | 25 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 60 | 10.3 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 40 | 6.9 | 100% | 17.2 |
| Other PACs | 43 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 72 | 4.2 | 11 | 9 | 2 | <1 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 1.6 | 100% | 5.7 |
| All PACs | 36 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 71 | 127.0 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 29 | 51.1 | 100% | 178.1 |
| | House, 1990 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 32 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 66 | 35.4 | 13 | 11 | <1 | 6 | <1 | 3 | 34 | 18.0 | 100% | 53.5 |
| Association | 40 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 77 | 32.5 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 3 | <1 | 2 | 33 | 10.0 | 100% | 42.5 |
| Labor | 54 | 5 | 9 | <1 | 13 | <1 | 82 | 27.6 | 11 | 1 | 5 | <1 | 1 | <1 | 18 | 6.0 | 100% | 33.6 |
| Nonconnected | 26 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 60 | 8.5 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 40 | 5.7 | 100% | 14.3 |
| Other PACs | 46 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 74 | 4.3 | 13 | 8 | 1 | 2 | <1 | 2 | 26 | 1.5 | 100% | 5.8 |
| All PACs | 39 | 19 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 72 | 108.5 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 41.2 | 100% | 149.7 |
| | House, 1988 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1988 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 31 | 26 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 63 | 31.6 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 37 | 18.8 | 100% | 50.4 |
| Association | 37 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 73 | 28.6 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 10.4 | 100% | 38.9 |
| Labor | 50 | 6 | 15 | <1 | 9 | <1 | 79 | 26.8 | 9 | 1 | 6 | <1 | 4 | <1 | 21 | 7.1 | 100% | 33.9 |
| Nonconnected | 25 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 59 | 11.4 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 41 | 7.8 | 100% | 19.2 |
| Other PACs | 41 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 72 | 3.8 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 1.5 | 100% | 5.3 |
| All PACs | 36 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 69 | 102.2 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 45.7 | 100% | 147.8 |
| | House, 1986 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1986 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 26 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 58 | 26.4 | 5 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 42 | 19.0 | 100% | 45.3 |
| Association | 33 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 71 | 23.0 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 9.4 | 100% | 32.4 |
| Labor | 45 | 5 | 14 | <1 | 10 | <1 | 75 | 21.9 | 6 | 2 | 11 | <1 | 6 | <1 | 25 | 7.1 | 100% | 29.1 |
| Nonconnected | 21 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 59 | 10.7 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 41 | 7.5 | 100% | 18.2 |
| Other PACs | 36 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 67 | 3.2 | 6 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 1.6 | 100% | 4.8 |
| All PACs | 32 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 66 | 85.2 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 34 | 44.6 | 100% | 129.8 |
| | House, 1984 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1984 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 29 | 26 | <1 | 7 | <1 | 4 | 67 | 22.9 | 7 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 33 | 11.4 | 100% | 34.3 |
| Association | 36 | 28 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 77 | 19.8 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 6.0 | 100% | 25.8 |
| Labor | 57 | 4 | 14 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 80 | 18.7 | 6 | 1 | 9 | <1 | 4 | <1 | 20 | 4.6 | 100% | 23.3 |
| Nonconnected | 26 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 63 | 8.6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 37 | 5.1 | 100% | 13.7 |
| Other PACs | 48 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 78 | 2.9 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 0.8 | 100% | 3.7 |
| All PACs | 38 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 72 | 72.9 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 27.9 | 100% | 100.8 |

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| | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Percentage distribution | | | | | | Percent to Chamber | Dollars to chamber (in millions) | Total percent | Total dollars (in millions) |
|--------------|-------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | Incumbent | | Challenger | | Open seat | | | | | |
| | D | R | D | R | D | R | | D | R | D | R | D | R | | | | | |
| | House, 1982 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1982 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 22 | 31 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 69 | 18.1 | 8 | 13 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 4 | 31 | 8.3 | 100% | 26.4 |
| Association | 26 | 32 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 77 | 15.9 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | <1 | 2 | 23 | 4.9 | 100% | 20.8 |
| Labor | 40 | 3 | 21 | <1 | 11 | 1 | 75 | 14.6 | 14 | 2 | 7 | <1 | 2 | <1 | 25 | 4.8 | 100% | 19.4 |
| Nonconnected | 20 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 69 | 6.9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 3.2 | 100% | 10.0 |
| Other PACs | 40 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 78 | 2.4 | 11 | 5 | 2 | <1 | <1 | 3 | 22 | 0.7 | 100% | 3.1 |
| All PACs | 28 | 22 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 73 | 57.9 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 21.8 | 100% | 79.7 |
| | House, 1980 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 23 | 21 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 64 | 11.7 | 9 | 5 | <1 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 6.4 | 100% | 18.1 |
| Association | 29 | 24 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 75 | 11.2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 3.8 | 100% | 15.0 |
| Labor | 50 | 3 | 12 | <1 | 7 | <1 | 72 | 8.9 | 18 | 3 | 4 | <1 | 3 | <1 | 28 | 3.4 | 100% | 12.3 |
| Nonconnected | 13 | 9 | 3 | 26 | 2 | 8 | 62 | 2.8 | 8 | 2 | <1 | 20 | <1 | 5 | 37 | 1.7 | 100% | 4.5 |
| Other PACs | 40 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 72 | 1.4 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 0.5 | 100% | 1.9 |
| All PACs | 31 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 69 | 36.0 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 15.9 | 100% | 51.9 |
| | House, 1978 | | | | | | | | Senate, 1978 | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | 22 | 18 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 63 | 6.2 | 6 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 37 | 3.6 | 100% | 9.8 |
| Association | 27 | 20 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 76 | 8.6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 2.8 | 100% | 11.3 |
| Labor | 43 | 2 | 12 | <1 | 14 | <1 | 72 | 7.5 | 10 | 2 | 9 | <1 | 5 | <1 | 28 | 2.8 | 100% | 10.3 |
| Nonconnected | 9 | 10 | 3 | 29 | 4 | 18 | 74 | 2.1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 26 | 0.7 | 100% | 2.8 |
| Other PACs | 49 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 77 | 0.8 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 0.2 | 100% | 1.0 |
| All PACs | 30 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 71 | 25.0 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 29 | 10.2 | 100% | 35.2 |

Notes: The data are for general election candidates only. D indicates Democrat; R indicates Republican. Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-12 Political Party Contributions, Coordinated and Independent Expenditures for Congressional Candidates, 1976-2012 (in dollars)

| | Senate | | | Contributions | House | | Total | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Contributions | Expenditures | | | Contributions | Expenditures | | |
| | | Coordinated | Independent | | | Coordinated | | Independent |
| 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 646,500 | 5,348,835 | 52,834,293 | 585,363 | 5,348,835 | 62,685,918 | 127,449,744 | |
| Republicans | 790,800 | 7,600,476 | 32,114,674 | 749,025 | 4,718,800 | 61,881,122 | 107,854,897 | |
| 2010 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 782,710 | 17,509,201 | 41,496,478 | 293,045 | 6,746,051 | 65,745,376 | 132,572,861 | |
| Republicans | 1,597,170 | 18,196,872 | 34,351,039 | 1,022,314 | 8,295,592 | 48,785,092 | 112,248,079 | |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 558,600 | 3,822,922 | 73,028,432 | 1,027,132 | 1,654,208 | 81,641,424 | 161,732,718 | |
| Republicans | 135,000 | 1,530,624 | 40,650,902 | 3,109,174 | 3,420,315 | 30,971,545 | 79,817,560 | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 596,800 | 5,796,005 | 42,627,472 | 2,429,919 | 2,409,914 | 64,141,253 | 118,001,363 | |
| Republicans | 386,782 | 8,784,685 | 32,156,053 | 785,435 | 4,519,856 | 83,085,694 | 129,718,505 | |
| 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 1,082,388 | 10,154,423 | 21,710,954 | 806,115 | 2,880,867 | 32,036,890 | 68,671,637 | |
| Republicans | 1,875,740 | 9,277,459 | 11,500,079 | 1,156,771 | 3,220,419 | 43,440,699 | 70,471,167 | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 493,852 | 2,085,319 | 413 | 891,626 | 2,730,563 | 250,262 | 6,452,035 | |
| Republicans | 2,027,001 | 10,378,872 | 501,208 | 2,131,531 | 5,388,717 | 1,362,431 | 21,789,760 | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 356,618 | 5,149,704 | 257,920 | 977,690 | 3,325,207 | 2,031,421 | 12,098,560 | |
| Republicans | 519,110 | 10,823,862 | 395,190 | 1,747,012 | 4,394,759 | 1,161,612 | 19,041,545 | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 302,478 | 9,349,948 | 1,460,149 | 1,542,312 | 4,596,380 | 29,558 | 17,280,825 | |
| Republicans | 514,657 | 9,334,065 | 219,074 | 2,098,276 | 6,310,120 | 46,286 | 18,522,478 | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 637,734 | 8,611,897 | 1,452,507 | 1,387,952 | 6,786,959 | 31,914 | 18,908,963 | |
| Republicans | 772,244 | 10,751,093 | 9,438,331 | 2,462,999 | 7,998,844 | 35,812 | 31,459,323 | |
| 1994 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 638,618 | 13,204,309 | | 1,501,220 | 8,455,070 | | 23,799,217 | |
| Republicans | 748,011 | 11,561,866 | | 2,036,712 | 8,851,871 | | 23,198,460 | |
| 1992 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 689,953 | 11,915,878 | | 1,234,553 | 5,883,678 | | 19,724,062 | |
| Republicans | 807,397 | 16,509,940 | | 2,197,611 | 6,906,729 | | 26,421,677 | |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 515,332 | 5,210,002 | | 943,135 | 3,401,579 | | 10,070,048 | |
| Republicans | 862,621 | 7,725,853 | | 2,019,279 | 3,012,313 | | 13,620,066 | |
| 1988 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 501,777 | 6,592,264 | | 1,258,952 | 2,891,152 | | 11,244,145 | |
| Republicans | 719,006 | 10,260,600 | | 2,657,069 | 4,162,207 | | 17,798,882 | |
| 1986 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 620,832 | 6,656,286 | | 968,913 | 1,836,213 | | 10,082,244 | |
| Republicans | 729,522 | 10,077,902 | | 2,520,278 | 4,111,474 | | 17,439,176 | |
| 1984 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 441,467 | 3,947,731 | | 1,280,672 | 1,774,452 | | 7,444,322 | |
| Republicans | 590,922 | 6,518,415 | | 4,060,120 | 6,190,309 | | 17,359,766 | |
| 1982 | | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 579,337 | 2,265,197 | | 1,052,286 | 694,321 | | 4,591,141 | |
| Republicans | 600,221 | 8,715,761 | | 4,720,959 | 5,293,260 | | 19,330,201 | |

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Table 3-12 Political Party Contributions, Coordinated and Independent Expenditures for Congressional Candidates, 1976-2012 (in dollars)

| | Senate | | Contributions | House | | Total | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Contributions | Expenditures | | Expenditures | | | |
| | | Coordinated | | Independent | Coordinated | | Independent |
| 1980 | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 480,464 | 1,132,912 | 1,025,989 | 256,346 | | 2,895,711 | |
| Republicans | 677,004 | 5,434,758 | 3,498,323 | 2,203,748 | | 11,813,833 | |
| 1978 | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 466,683 | 229,218 | 1,262,298 | 72,892 | | 2,031,091 | |
| Republicans | 703,204 | 2,723,880 | 3,621,104 | 1,297,079 | | 8,345,267 | |
| 1976 | | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 468,795 | 4,359 | 1,465,629 | 500 | | 1,939,283 | |
| Republicans | 930,034 | 113,976 | 3,658,310 | 329,583 | | 5,031,903 | |

Notes: The table includes three different kinds of party support for candidates: direct contributions, coordinated expenditures and independent spending. Direct contributions: House candidates may receive a maximum of \$20,000 in primary and general election combined from national and state party committees. In 2012, Senate candidates could receive \$43,100 from national party committees and another \$10,000 from state parties. The National Party to Senate candidate amount is indexed for inflation.

Coordinated expenditures: For most House candidates, party committees may spend an inflation adjusted amount that in 2012 came to \$45,600. The limit is doubled (to \$91,200 in 2012) for states with only one congressional district. For Senate candidates, the limit goes up with a state's population as well as inflation. In the smallest states, this was \$91,200 in 2012. In the largest states (California) it was \$2.6 million. The median states (Kentucky and Louisiana) had party coordinated spending limits of \$305,000 and \$315,400 respectively.

Independent spending by the parties cannot be limited since the Supreme Court's decision in Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee v. Federal Election Commission 518 U.S. 604 (1996). Despite this ruling, the parties did not do a great deal of independent spending between 1996 and 2002 because such spending has to be funded entirely with money raised under federal contribution limits. The parties preferred to use "soft" money (no contribution limits) to help pay for communications that were designed to get around these restraints. After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 prohibited national party soft money, the parties shifted more money into independent expenditures. Unfortunately, it is not possible to know how much soft money was spent to help congressional candidates in the elections through 2002. In 2012, party independent spending in House contests spread out to over 74 districts, with a maximum of \$5.0 million spent in one district. Senate independent spending focused on seventeen races, with \$14.4 million spent in Virginia.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-13 Hard and Soft Money Raised by National Party Committees, 1992-2012 (in millions of dollars)

| | 2012 | 2010 | 2008 | 2006 | 2004 | 2002 | | | 2000 | | | 1998 | | | 1996 | | | 1994 | | | 1992 | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Hard | Hard | Hard | Hard | Hard | Hard | Soft | Total | Hard | Soft | Total | Hard | Soft | Total | Hard | Soft | Total | Hard | Soft | Total | Hard | Soft | Total |
| Democratic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Committee | 301.4 | 224.8 | 260.1 | 130.8 | 394.4 | 67.5 | 97.0 | 164.5 | 124.0 | 135.3 | 259.3 | 64.8 | 57.4 | 122.2 | 108.4 | 100.5 | 208.9 | 41.8 | 45.1 | 86.9 | 65.8 | 28.4 | 94.2 |
| Senatorial | 145.9 | 129.5 | 162.8 | 121.4 | 88.7 | 48.4 | 96.9 | 145.3 | 40.5 | 63.3 | 103.8 | 35.7 | 25.9 | 61.5 | 30.8 | 14.1 | 44.9 | 26.4 | 0.4 | 26.9 | 25.5 | 0.5 | 26.0 |
| Congressional | 183.8 | 163.9 | 176.2 | 139.9 | 93.2 | 46.4 | 56.8 | 103.2 | 48.4 | 58.0 | 106.4 | 25.2 | 16.6 | 41.8 | 26.6 | 11.8 | 38.4 | 19.4 | 5.1 | 24.6 | 12.8 | 4.0 | 16.8 |
| Total | 631.1 | 518.3 | 599.1 | 392.1 | 576.2 | 162.3 | 250.7 | 413.0 | 212.9 | 256.6 | 469.5 | 125.6 | 99.9 | 225.5 | 165.8 | 126.4 | 292.2 | 87.7 | 50.7 | 138.4 | 104.1 | 32.9 | 137.0 |
| Republican | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Committee | 425.0 | 196.4 | 427.6 | 243.0 | 392.4 | 170.1 | 118.7 | 288.8 | 212.8 | 163.5 | 376.3 | 104.1 | 74.3 | 178.4 | 193.0 | 114.4 | 307.4 | 87.4 | 42.4 | 129.8 | 85.5 | 33.6 | 119.1 |
| Senatorial | 117.0 | 114.6 | 94.4 | 88.8 | 79.0 | 59.2 | 66.9 | 126.1 | 51.5 | 44.6 | 96.1 | 53.4 | 37.3 | 90.7 | 64.5 | 29.4 | 93.9 | 65.3 | 6.5 | 71.9 | 73.8 | 7.7 | 81.5 |
| Congressional | 155.7 | 133.8 | 118.3 | 179.5 | 185.7 | 123.6 | 73.3 | 196.9 | 97.3 | 52.9 | 150.2 | 72.7 | 24.1 | 96.8 | 74.2 | 28.8 | 103.0 | 26.7 | 4.8 | 31.5 | 35.3 | 6.2 | 41.5 |
| Total | 697.7 | 444.7 | 640.3 | 511.3 | 657.1 | 352.9 | 258.9 | 611.8 | 361.6 | 261.1 | 622.7 | 230.2 | 135.7 | 365.9 | 331.8 | 172.5 | 504.3 | 179.4 | 53.7 | 233.1 | 194.5 | 47.5 | 242.0 |

included in reported total receipts. (2) The national party committees were prohibited from raising soft money by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-14 Non-Party Independent Expenditures in House and Senate Elections, 1978-2012 (in dollars)

| | For Democrats | Against Democrats | For Republicans | Against Republicans | Total |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | | | | | |
| House | 23,413,464 | 77,171,121 | 34,082,403 | 63,247,389 | 197,914,377 |
| Senate | 18,265,873 | 101,547,974 | 42,596,491 | 96,890,762 | 259,301,100 |
| 2010 | | | | | |
| House | 20,586,631 | 37,047,762 | 14,609,781 | 25,624,537 | 97,868,711 |
| Senate | 13,510,171 | 43,396,775 | 22,532,780 | 17,803,878 | 97,243,604 |
| 2008 | | | | | |
| House | 8,474,409 | 2,031,373 | 8,387,039 | 7,062,990 | 25,955,811 |
| Senate | 5,417,350 | 1,846,788 | 5,506,228 | 5,004,986 | 17,775,352 |
| 2006 | | | | | |
| House | 6,441,484 | 771,557 | 6,382,708 | 12,084,897 | 25,680,646 |
| Senate | 2,924,466 | 305,268 | 5,700,633 | 1,474,496 | 10,404,863 |
| 2004 | | | | | |
| House | 1,346,007 | 66,693 | 3,898,440 | 545,190 | 5,856,330 |
| Senate | 415,371 | 311,123 | 7,740,022 | 364,568 | 8,831,084 |
| 2002 | | | | | |
| House | 2,664,722 | 261,922 | 2,522,441 | 538,808 | 5,987,893 |
| Senate | 5,275,291 | 181,233 | 3,547,488 | 1,173,796 | 10,177,808 |
| 2000 | | | | | |
| House | 4,112,071 | 234,237 | 2,893,836 | 1,665,755 | 8,905,899 |
| Senate | 1,481,901 | 607,809 | 4,378,023 | 2,729,069 | 9,196,802 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| House | 1,787,439 | 258,276 | 3,778,331 | 601,976 | 6,426,022 |
| Senate | 869,191 | 146,564 | 1,440,075 | 1,011,575 | 3,467,405 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| House | 679,312 | 127,706 | 2,624,887 | 1,401,101 | 4,833,006 |
| Senate | 291,109 | 832,161 | 2,872,325 | 833,208 | 4,828,803 |
| 1994 | | | | | |
| House | 502,621 | 488,479 | 1,088,356 | 50,815 | 2,130,271 |
| Senate | 204,212 | 433,947 | 1,309,572 | 537,531 | 2,485,262 |
| 1992 | | | | | |
| House | 1,485,768 | 430,902 | 1,586,017 | 452,942 | 3,955,629 |
| Senate | 1,137,321 | 164,358 | 864,493 | 210,490 | 2,376,662 |
| 1990 | | | | | |
| House | 709,292 | 130,695 | 669,726 | 74,444 | 1,584,157 |
| Senate | 780,832 | 266,230 | 1,436,553 | 584,429 | 3,068,044 |
| 1988 | | | | | |
| House | 1,465,554 | 278,723 | 919,929 | 148,705 | 2,812,911 |
| Senate | 831,064 | 617,066 | 2,809,517 | 143,441 | 4,401,088 |
| 1986 | | | | | |
| House | 2,385,685 | 227,286 | 1,313,578 | 120,032 | 4,046,581 |
| Senate | 988,382 | 632,412 | 3,342,790 | 348,006 | 5,311,590 |
| 1984 | | | | | |
| House | 560,727 | 118,171 | 633,646 | 26,847 | 1,339,391 |
| Senate | 326,031 | 410,428 | 1,807,981 | 2,082,207 | 4,626,647 |
| 1982 | | | | | |
| House | 241,442 | 862,654 | 492,404 | 66,296 | 1,662,796 |
| Senate | 127,451 | 3,182,986 | 298,410 | 483,750 | 4,092,597 |
| 1980 | | | | | |
| House | 190,615 | 38,023 | 410,478 | 45,132 | 684,248 |
| Senate | 127,381 | 1,282,613 | 261,678 | 12,430 | 1,684,102 |
| 1978 | | | | | |
| House | 28,725 | 31,034 | 70,701 | 5,298 | 135,758 |
| Senate | 102,508 | 36,717 | 26,065 | 1,985 | 167,275 |

Note: An independent expenditure is defined by the FEC as an expenditure for a communication "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party or its agents." 11 CFR 100.16(a).

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