

# DS2500 Final Impacts of Lobbying on American Government

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# Why this? Why now?

As more time goes on in America we have lost what democracy is and people, including myself, could argue we never had it in the first place. Living in a hyper-capitalist society, many of our politicians no longer hold the interest of the American people and instead make policy in favor of the large corporations that provide them with money in order to stay in office. Through my final project, I would like to examine which politicians receive the most money through lobbyists and from whom. Additionally looking at the differences between these politicians' incomes compared to their constituents.



# Data Collection

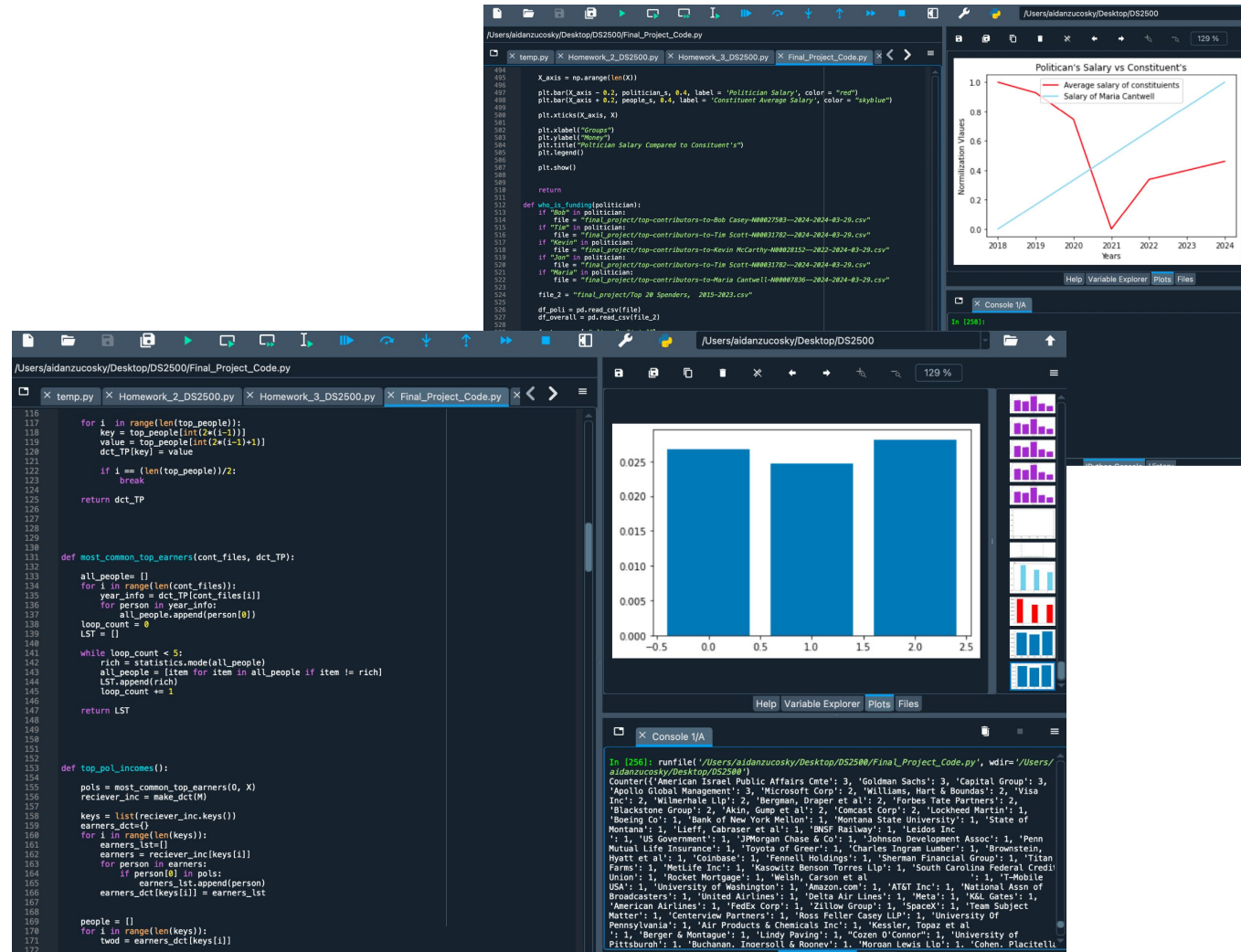
All my data comes from [opensecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org) which is a site dedicated to publish politicians financial records that despite being “public” are hidden extremely well.

- Benefits
- Risks/Limitations



# Coding and Approaches

- Pandas
- Statistic Analysis
- Linear Regression
- Visualisation



# Top Receivers from 2018 to 2024

01

**Kevin McCarthy**

Republican

Former House Member

Former Speaker of The House from  
California

03

**Jon Tester**

Democrat

Senator from Montana

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**Tim Scott**

Republican

Senator from South Carolina

02

**Bob Casey**

Democrat

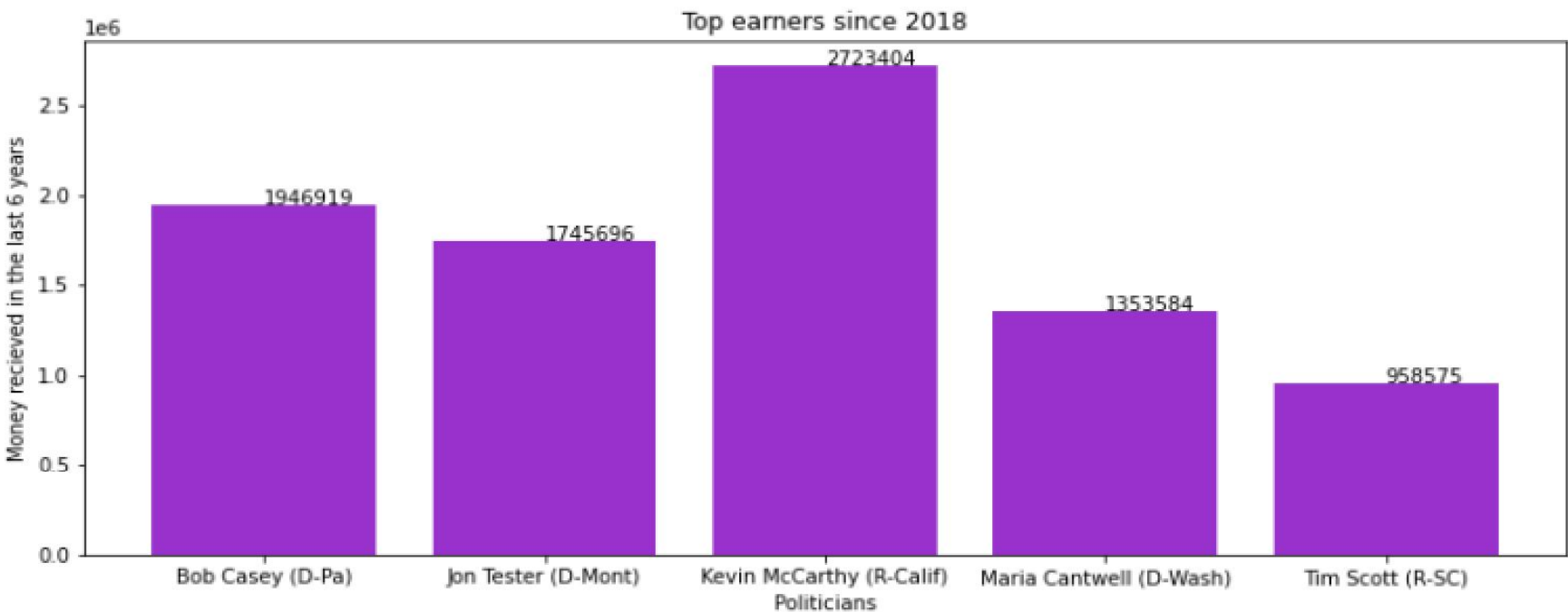
Senator from Pennsylvania

04

**Maria Cantwell**

Democrat

Senator from Washington



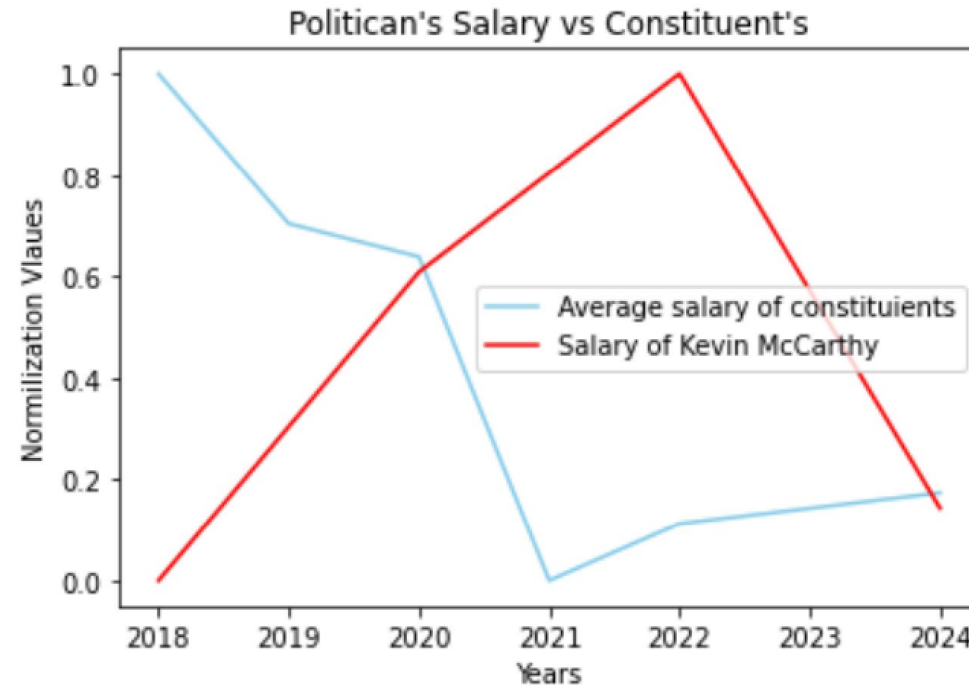
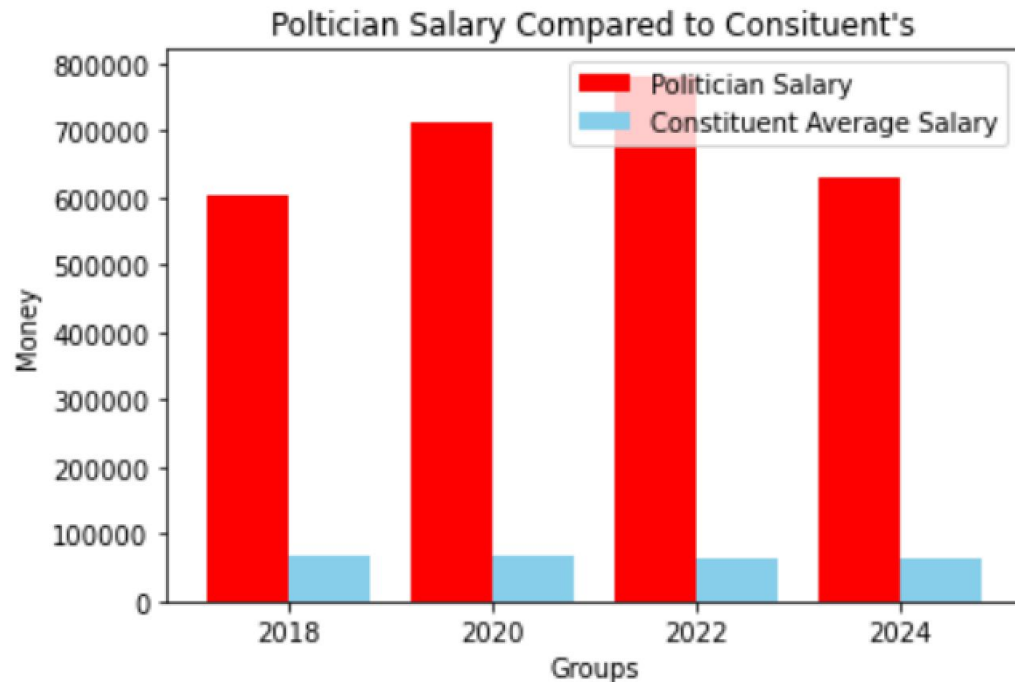
# Kevin McCarthy : \$2,723,404

## Received from the Top 20 Lobbyists:

Comcast Corp: [\$52185, \$185252000, 0.0281%, 7th]

## Top 3 Lobbyists

Enterprise Products Partners \$116600  
American Israel Public Affairs Cmte \$108350  
Rock Holdings \$63200



# Bob Casey : \$1,946,919

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Comcast Corp: [\$56022, \$185252000, 0.0302%, 7th]

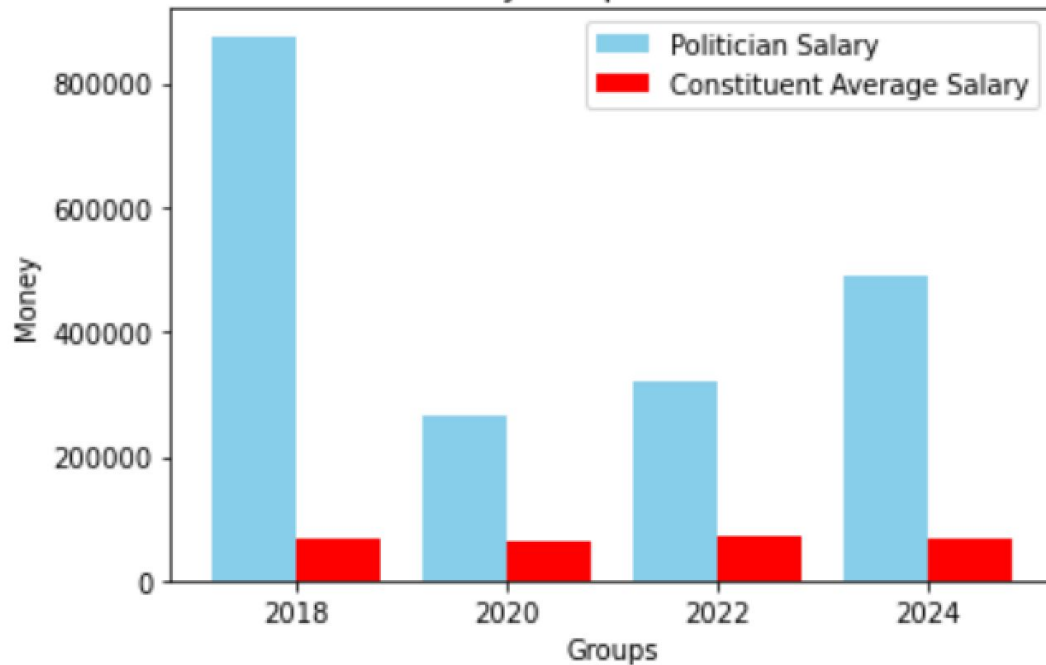
## Top 3 Lobbyists

Ross Feller Casey LLP \$118450

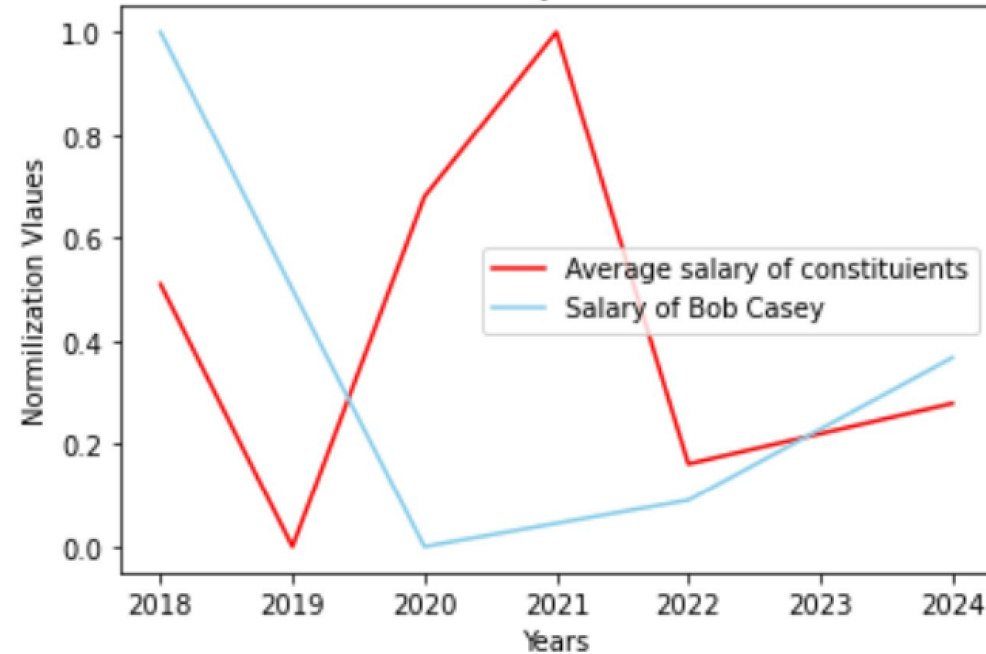
University Of Pennsylvania \$92352

Air Products & Chemicals Inc \$81525

Politician Salary Compared to Constituent's



Politician's Salary vs Constituent's





# Jon Tester: \$1,745,696

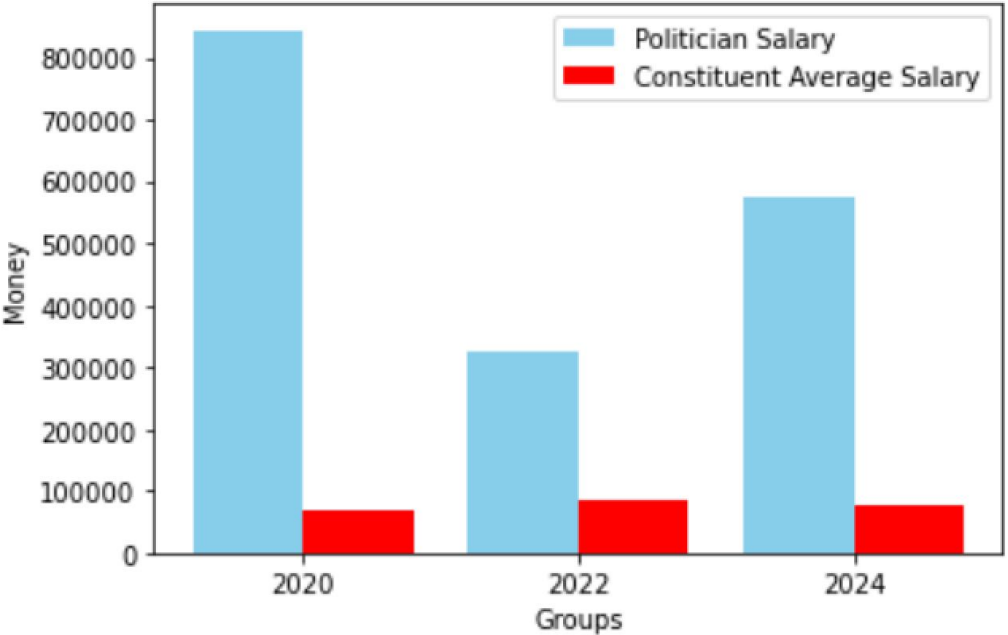
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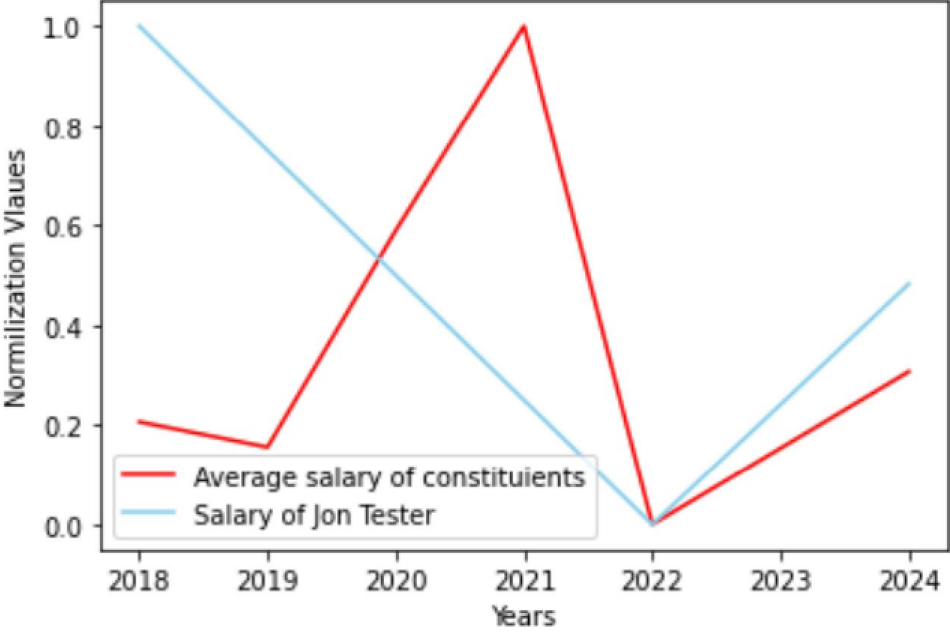
## Top 3 Lobbyists

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Goldman Sachs \$97,250  
Capital Group \$78,830

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Politican's Salary vs Constituent's





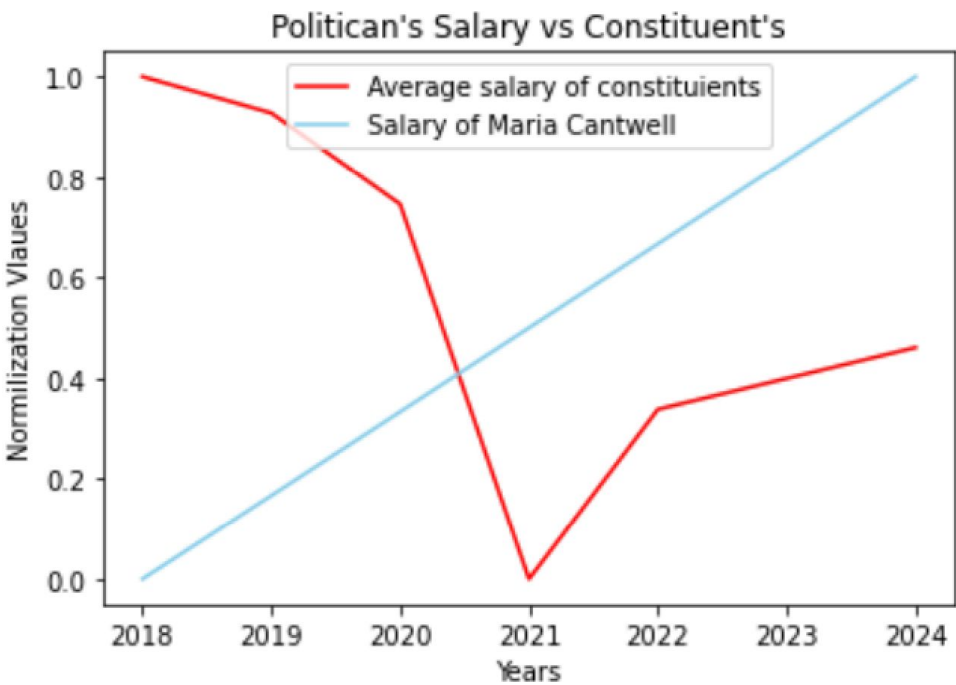
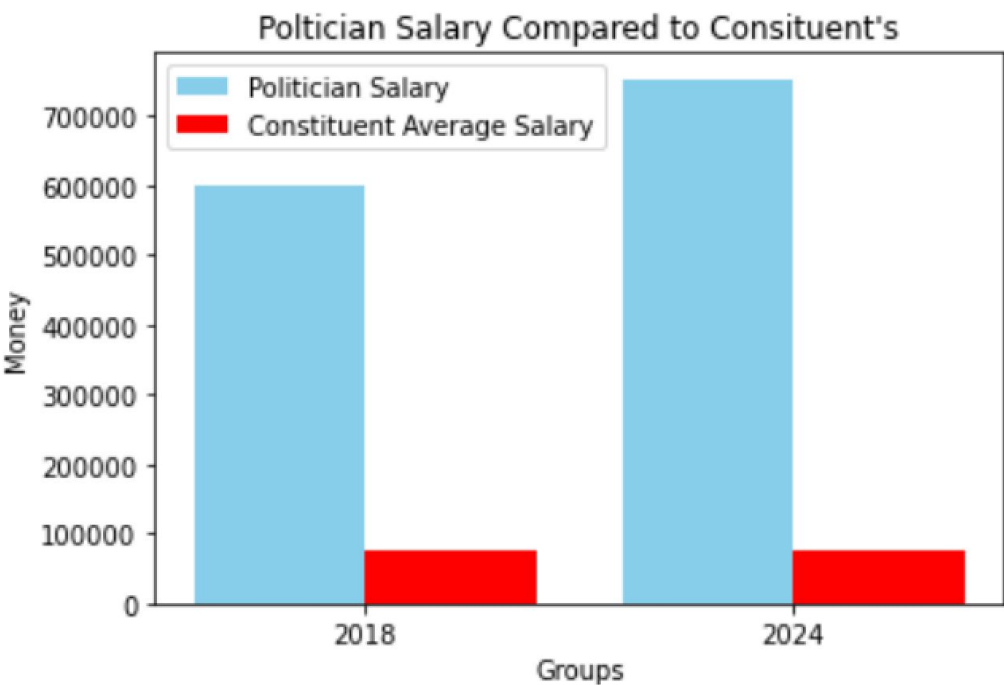
# Maria Cantwell : \$1,355,384

## Received from the Top 20 Lobbyists:

Amazon.com: [\$60750, \$226981995, 0.0267%, 5th]  
AT&T Inc: [\$45826, \$185252000, 0.0247%, 7th],  
National Assn of Broadcasters: [\$45350, \$161264966, 0.0281%, 8th]

## Top 3 Lobbyists

American Israel Public Affairs Cmte: \$134300  
T-Mobile USA: \$ 114550  
Microsoft Corp: \$ 101533



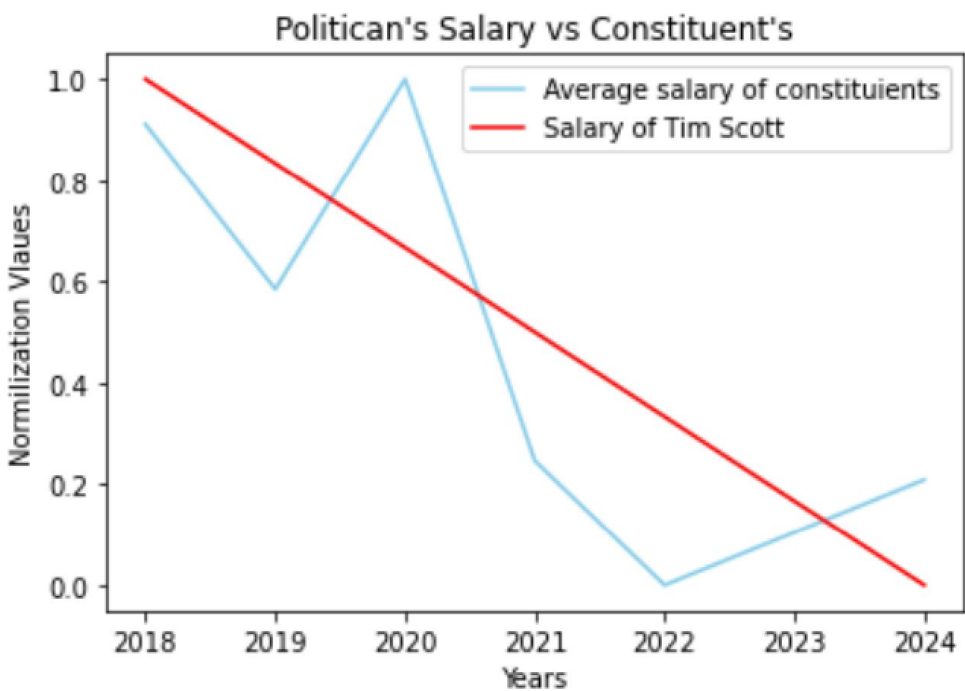
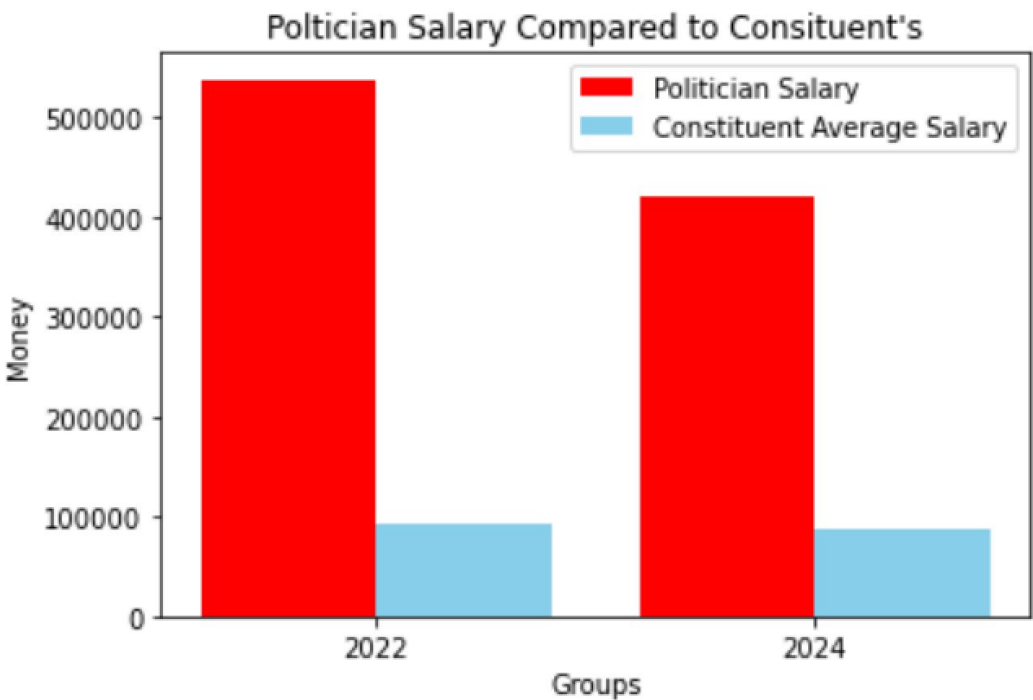
# Tim Scott: \$958,575

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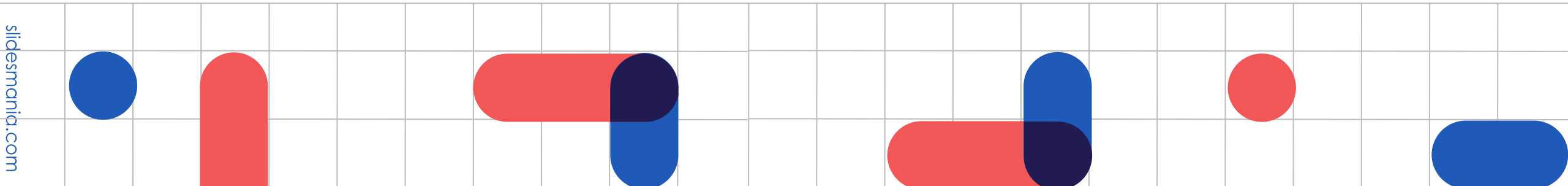
Goldman Sachs \$176175  
Capital Group \$98075  
Blackstone Group \$84100



# Shared Lobbyists

American Israel Public Affairs Cmte: 3  
Goldman Sachs: 3  
Capital Group: 3  
Apollo Global Management: 3

Microsoft Corp: 2  
Williams, Hart & Boundas: 2  
Visa Inc: 2  
Wilmerhale LLP: 2  
Bergman, Draper et al: 2  
Forbes Tate Partners: 2  
Blackstone Group: 2  
Akin, Gump et al: 2  
Comcast Corp: 2





# Thank You!

## Any Questions?