

Congressional Forecast



Congress is Institutionally Corrupt

“The system that we have allowed to evolve keeps Congress
perpetually dependent upon the Funders,
while only
biannually dependent upon the People.”

- Lawrence Lessig

Percentage of Americans who think:

**“The political system can work fine,
it’s the members of Congress that are the problem”**

58%

**“Most members of Congress have good intentions,
it’s the political system that is broken”**

32%

In 2012



84%

House candidates



67%

Senate candidates

**with more money
won their elections**

Source: <http://www.demos.org/publication/billion-dollar-democracy-unprecedented-role-money-2012-elections>

Who is donating to the electoral races?

Of the American population:

only

0.26%

gave more than \$200
to any federal
candidate

only

0.000042%

(99 citizens) gave 60% of
SuperPAC money

**That is a very, very small percent
of the population.**

After the election...

In order to stay in office
and raise money for their Party

**approximately
70% of a politician's day
is spent fundraising**



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 hour	Strategic Outreach Breakfasts, Meet & Greets, Press
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 hour	Recharge Time

HuffPost

Evenings and Weekends? FUNDRAISING?

FUNDRAISING!

**FINDING FUTURE
DONORS**

**Members of Congress become aware
that everything they do
affects their ability to raise money**

**So they adjust their views
in order to continue to
raise more money**

**They become conditioned to
please donors and contributors.**

**Congress members have an
unhealthy relationship to
lobbyists and donors**

Approximately

42%

Representatives

50%

Senators

‘Retire’ to become
Lobbyists

Source: <http://www.republicreport.org/2012/make-it-rain-revolving-door/>

Why ‘retire’ to become a Lobbyist?

1452%

increase in salary

on average

What kind of bills do these lobbyists promote?

PUBLIC LAW 108–357—OCT. 22, 2004

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2004

American Jobs Creation Act

Corporations would get a one time tax break of 30% if they participated in the program

\$3.5 Billion spent on lobbying supporting this bill

When the bill passed,
for every \$1.00 spent on lobbying,
the organizations saved \$220.00

That's a
22,000%
return on investment

Our Congress has to change

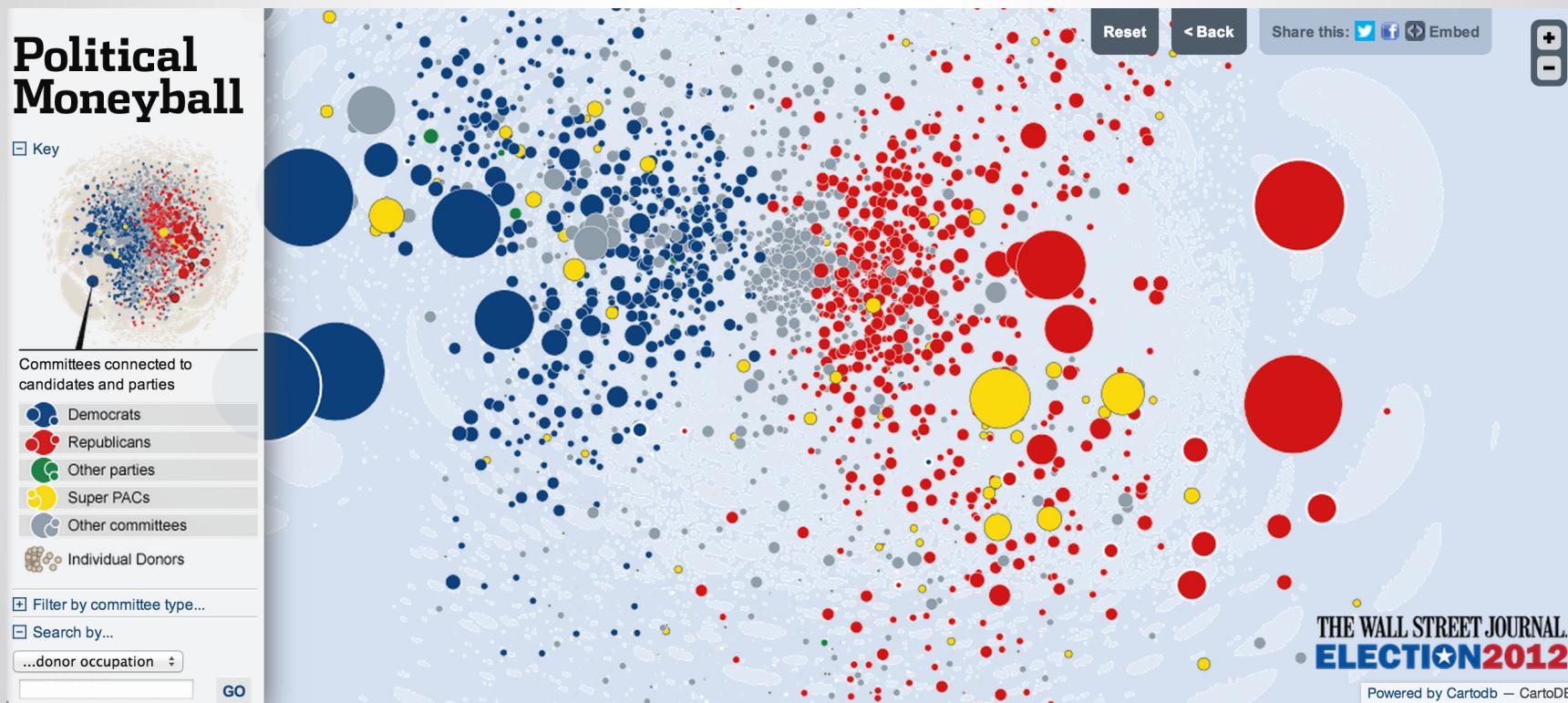
Organizations tracking the influence of money in politics:



The New York Times



Political Moneyball infographic by The Wall Street Journal



**We need strategies to
communicate complex ideas in a
clear, engaging, and purposeful way**

**A predictive analytics tool
is what we need**

“Predictive analytics is an area of data mining that deals with extracting information from data and using it to predict trends and behavior patterns.”

**Predicting vote outcomes
before they happen,
for every piece of legislation
provides a way to make people feel
invested in the problem**

**It also shows them
what's at risk**

How is this possible?

MapLight.org's “Near Votes” chart

Contributor	Interest Group of contributor	Position of orgs in interest group	Amount	Date	Bill	Vote	Vote date	Days apart
Astorino, Lou	Architectural services	Support	\$500	9/16/09	H.R. 3221 (111 th)	Yes	9/17/09	0
Rice, Md, Marc	Physicians	Support	\$500	11/17/09	H.R. 3014 (111 th)	Yes	11/17/09	0
American Podiatric Medical Assn	Other physician specialists	Support	\$1,000	9/21/09	H.R. 860 (111 th)	Yes	9/22/09	0
American Assn Of Nurse Anesthetists	Nurses	Support	\$1,000	3/21/12	H.R. 5 (112 th)	No	3/22/12	0
American Federation Of Teachers	Teachers unions	Support	\$2,500	9/22/10	H.R. 5297 (111 th)	Yes	9/23/10	0
National Assn Of Realtors	Real estate agents	Support	\$2,000	12/1/11	H.R. 3010 (112 th)	No	12/2/11	0
Sprint Nextel	Cellular systems and equipment	Support	\$1,000	9/19/12	H.R. 6429 (112 th)	No	9/20/12	0
Time Warner Cable	Cable & satellite TV production & distribution	Support	\$1,000	10/15/07	H.R. 2102 (110 th)	Yes	10/16/07	0
Directv Group	Cable & satellite TV production & distribution	Support	\$1,000	6/22/11	H.R. 1249 (112 th)	Yes	6/23/11	0
Operating Engineers Union	Building trades unions	Oppose	\$2,500	12/6/11	H.R. 10 (112 th)	No	12/7/11	0
Painters & Allied Trades Union	Building trades unions		\$2,000	12/12/11	H.R. 3630 (112 th)	No	12/13/11	0
Painters & Allied Trades Union	Building trades unions		\$3,000	12/12/11	H.R. 3630 (112 th)	No	12/13/11	0

Source: http://maplight.org/us-congress/legislator/226-mike-doyle/near_votes

InfluenceExplorer.com

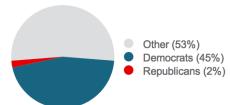
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

\$275,880,889 GIVEN



covers through q4 2012

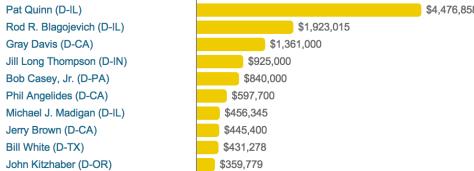
Republicans vs. Democrats
in dollars. "other" includes 3rd parties
and organizations without official party
affiliation.



Top Recipients

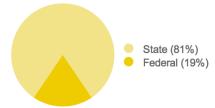
■ Individuals ■ PAC

includes contributions from the organization's employees, their family members, and its political action committee.



State vs. Federal

in dollars



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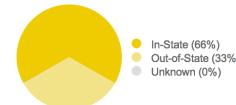
\$35,612,643 RECEIVED



covers through q4 2012

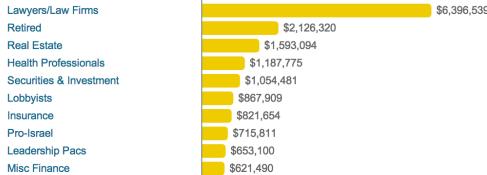
In State vs. Out of State

contributions from individuals, in dollars



Top Industries

opensecrets.org and followthemoney.org classify contribution data into about 100 industries.



82% of the total amount raised came from an identifiable industry.

Individuals vs. PACs

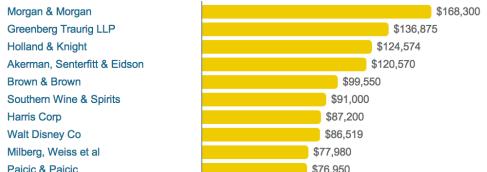
in dollars



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**Political Scientist
Lynda Powell
mapped the economic
influences in Congress
making a predictive tool
like this possible**

The Influence of Campaign Contributions in State Legislatures

The Effects of
Institutions and Politics

Lynda W. Powell



**Understanding
all of the factors involved,
and studying their
historical influence**

Money in Congress:

\$4,128,719,723.16

House of Representatives



Robert Aderholt
Alabama



Robert Andrews
New Jersey



Spencer Bachus
Alabama



Joe Barton
Texas



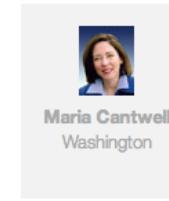
Lamar Alexander
Tennessee



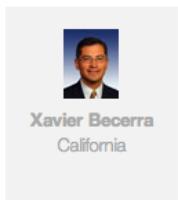
Max Baucus
Montana



Barbara Boxer
California



Maria Cantwell
Washington



Xavier Becerra
California



Rob Bishop
Utah



Sanford Bishop
Georgia



Timothy Bishop
New York



Thomas Carper
Delaware



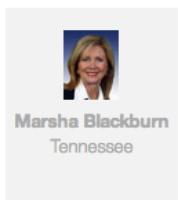
Saxby Chambliss
Georgia



Thad Cochran
Mississippi



Susan Collins
Maine



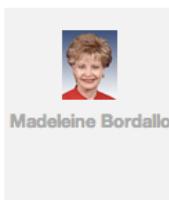
Marsha Blackburn
Tennessee



Earl Blumenauer
Oregon



John Boehner
Ohio



Madeleine Bordallo



John Cornyn
Texas



Michael Crapo
Idaho



Richard Durbin
Illinois



Michael Enzi
Wyoming



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John Boehner

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House of Representatives

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Industry Most Influenced By:

SECURITIES & INVESTMENT

Total Contributions Received (2012-2013):

\$39,302,019.00

Sponsored Bills

H.Con.Res.
146

H.Res. 786

H.Res. 497

H.Res. 292

Money

Top 10 Contributing Industries (2012-2013)

Top 10 Contributing Companies (2012-2013)

Industry	Total
SECURITIES & INVESTMENT	\$1,420,075
RETIRERD	\$1,248,532

	Individual	Total
AT&T Inc		\$161,750
Murray Energy		\$103,617

Bill Prediction:

Top Supporters:



John Boehner (OH)
Speaker of the House
Securities and Investments

91



Susan Collins (ME)
Senate
Lobbyists

87



Bob Goodlatte (VA)
House
Computers/Internet

89

Support %: Bill:

88

84

83

Likeliness of Passing %:

86

H.R. 2775

Default Prevention Act of 2013

An act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

Sec. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2013 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolution, that were conducted in fiscal year 2013, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts:

**We want others
to share in our conviction**

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Thank you

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