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Outside Spending

A January 2010 Supreme Court decision (Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission) now permits corporations and unions to make such expenditures from their treasuries directly and through other organizations. The decision allows such activity to take place without complete or immediate disclosure of who [funds](#) such communications, preventing voters from understanding who is truly behind many political messages.

Total by Type of Spender, 2012 (so far)

Type of Group	Total Spent	# of Groups Registered	# of Groups Spending to date
Super PACs:	\$242,857,510	844	160
Parties:	\$51,851,653	92	22
Others (Corporations, unions, individual people, other groups, etc):	\$106,591,852	375	246
Grand Total:	\$401,301,015	1,311	428

Outside Spending by Cycle thru September 17th of election year, Excluding Party Committees

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Top Groups, Excluding Party Committees, 2012

Organization	Total	View*	Independent Expenditures	Elec Comm	Comm Costs	Super PAC	527s [†]	501c
Restore Our Future ●	\$82,491,407	C	\$82,491,407	\$0	\$0	x		
Americans for Prosperity ○	\$30,868,363	C	\$30,800,720	\$67,643	\$0			x
American Crossroads/Crossroads GPS ●	\$29,680,000	C	\$29,393,223	\$286,777	\$0	x		x
Priorities USA Action ●	\$27,235,018	L	\$27,235,018	\$0	\$0	x		
Winning Our Future ●	\$17,002,762	C	\$17,002,762	\$0	\$0	x		
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* C = Conservative, L = Liberal

[†] Indicates that this organization has a 527 committee registered with the IRS. The committee's 527 spending outside of electioneering communications is NOT included in these totals. [Read more about 527s.](#)

Top Races, Excluding Party Committees, 2012

Race	Total	For Dems	Against Dems	For Repubs	Against Repubs
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Race	Total	For Dems	Against Dems	For Repubs	Against Repubs
Presidential	\$235,043,135	\$5,744,043	\$92,299,486	\$49,111,045	\$82,788,008
Texas Senate	\$14,666,515	\$5,921	\$0	\$3,739,819	\$10,920,775
Wisconsin Senate	\$8,349,292	\$669,388	\$860,059	\$1,567,638	\$5,252,207
Virginia Senate	\$7,955,538	\$1,105,551	\$4,454,200	\$30,066	\$2,365,721
Indiana Senate	\$6,661,563	\$0	\$795,432	\$2,139,845	\$3,726,286

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Top Candidates, Excluding Party Committees, 2012

Candidate	Race	Total	For Dems	Against Dems	For Repubs	Against Repubs	Results
Obama, Barack (D)	PRES	\$102,792,088	\$5,744,043	\$92,299,486	\$0	\$0	
Romney, Mitt (R)	PRES	\$58,196,893	\$0	\$0	\$15,417,352	\$42,447,549	
Gingrich, Newt (R)	PRES	\$32,564,938	\$0	\$0	\$13,722,736	\$18,842,202	
Santorum, Rick (R)	PRES	\$28,983,703	\$0	\$0	\$7,650,536	\$21,333,167	
Cruz, Ted (R)	TXS2	\$8,439,358	\$0	\$0	\$2,940,395	\$5,498,963	

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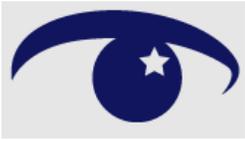
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