

Election battle of the U.S. super PACs

The Obama-Romney contest is expected to be tight and nasty, with so-called super PACs* spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a blitz of negative advertising to win the White House and control of Congress



Wealthy party donors, including **George Soros** (lower centre), are donating to super PACs to back President **Barack Obama** and Democrat Congress races

Super
PACs

American Crossroads and **Crossroads GPS**, co-founded by **Karl Rove** (top centre), are backing **Mitt Romney** and Republican Congress races

Obama campaign fundst

\$191.7m

\$8.9m Priorities USA Action – Obama super PAC funds raised to date

Romney campaign funds

\$86.2m

\$51.9m Restore our Future – Romney super PAC

Super PACs backing Democrats

\$28m

AFL-CIO Workers' Voices	\$5.9m
American Bridge 21st Century	\$5.8m
House Majority PAC	\$4.5m
Majority PAC	\$4.2m
NEA Advocacy Fund	\$3.5m
Others	\$4.1m

Super PACs backing Republicans

American Crossroads/GPS **\$99.8m**

\$66.5m

Winning our Future	\$23.9m
Others	\$42.6m
Total (inc. Crossroads)	\$166.3m

*Political Action Committees can accept unlimited donations from corporations, unions and individuals. Wealthy individuals account for more than 80% of total money raised. †Declared to March 31

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