



**Individual donor:**  
Limit of **\$2,700** to candidate, up to **\$5,000** to PAC, **\$33,400** to any national party committee

# Dark side of U.S. campaign finance

**Super PACs** – independent political action committees – can raise and spend unlimited sums of money, including secret donations from individuals, obscure corporations and unions to elect or defeat presidential candidates



**PAC:** Can give **\$5,000** to candidate committee per primary election and **\$5,000** for general election. Can also give **\$15,000** annually to any national party committee, and **\$5,000** annually to any other PAC. All finances regulated by Federal Election Commission



**Super PAC:** Cannot contribute directly to candidate. Affiliated non-profit fundraisers do not have to name donors

**Campaign funds raised (to Jan 31, 2016)**



**Hillary Clinton Democrat**

**Total: \$163.5m**



Raised by candidate PAC, super PAC, affiliates

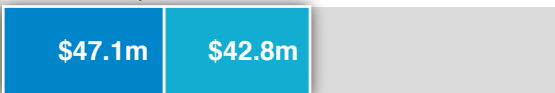
**Jeb Bush Republican**

**\$155.6m**



**Ted Cruz Republican**

**\$89.9m**



**Marco Rubio Republican**

**\$77.2m**



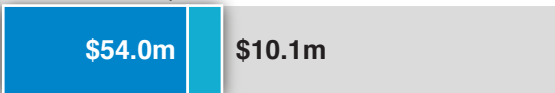
**Bernie Sanders Democrat**

**\$75.0m**



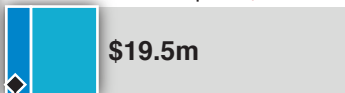
**Ben Carson Republican**

**\$64.1m**



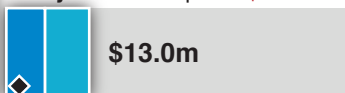
**Chris Christie Rep.**

**\$26.7m**



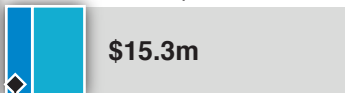
**Carly Fiorina Rep.**

**\$24.3m**



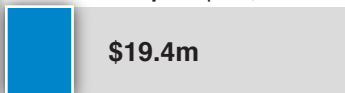
**John Kasich Rep.**

**\$22.9m**



**Donald Trump Rep.**

**\$19.4m**

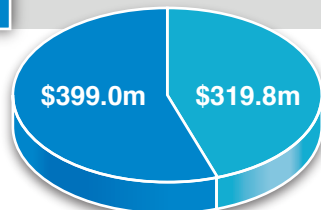


**Jim Gilmore Rep.**

**\$0.2m**



**Total raised:**  
(remaining 11 presidential candidates)  
**\$718.8m\***



\*Eleven candidates have dropped out having raised \$121.5m, of which \$81.1m was from PACs, Super PACs or non-profit affiliates

Sources: Federal Election Commission, Opensecrets.org, Realclearpolitics.com

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