



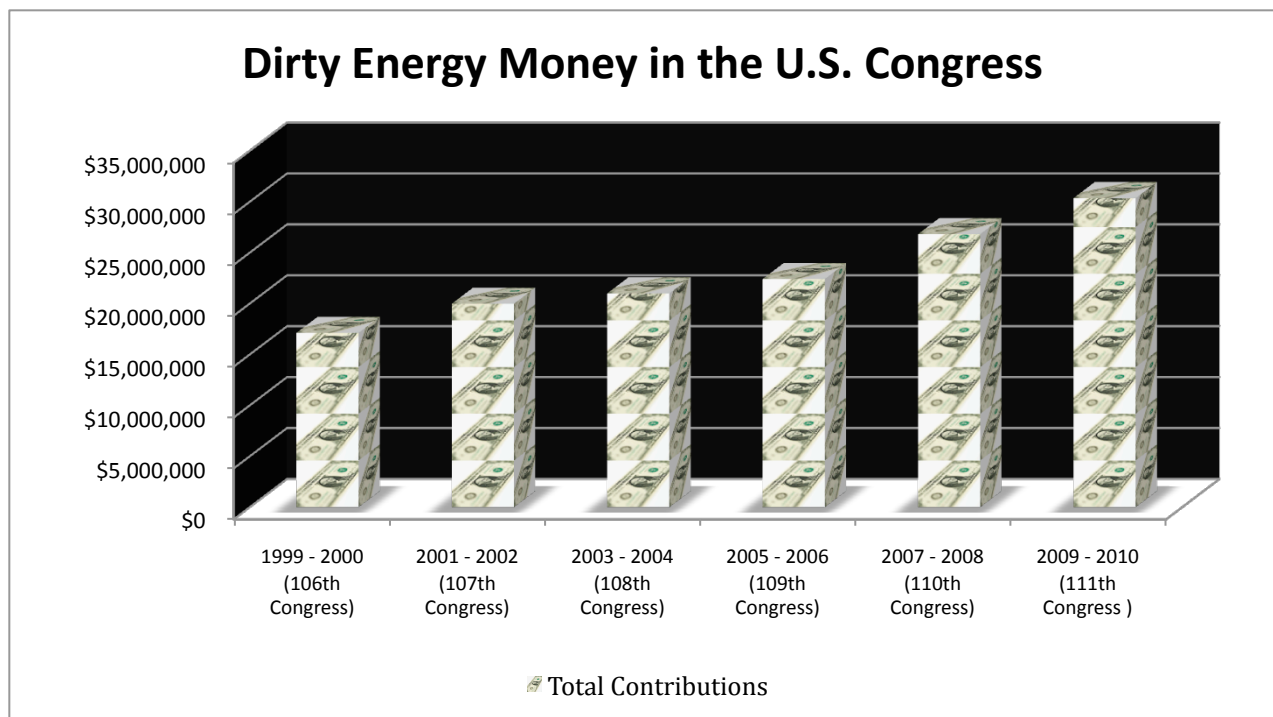
U.S. Congress: Awash with Dirty Energy Money

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Dirty Energy Money campaign contributions by Congress

Current members of Congress took over \$25 million in campaign contributions from the oil, coal and gas industries in 2009-2010. This follows a decade-long trend of increasing contributions and influence. Since 1999, these Dirty Energy industries have shelled out over \$137 million in contributions to members of Congress. Figure 1 illustrates the increasing influence of the fossil fuel industry over the U.S. Congress.

Figure 1. Dirty Energy Money in Congress from 1999 to 2010¹



¹ Figures for the each Congress include campaign contributions to sitting members and pre-term contributions to subsequent members of Congress. For example, campaign contributions to current members of Congress (the 112th) are included in totals from the 111th as the money was received during the period of the 111th Congress. The 111th Congress totals also include campaign contributions received during the 111th Congress (2009-2010) to members who were not re-elected to the 112th Congress.

Eleven elected officials have taken over \$1 million in Dirty Energy Money

Nine Republicans and two Democrats have received more than a million dollars from coal, oil and gas companies since 1999. Three are in the House and eight are in the Senate.

Table 1. Elected officials with over \$1million in Dirty Energy Money²

| Name | Chamber | Party | State | Total | Total Oil&Gas | Total Coal |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| John Cornyn | Senate | R | TX | \$1,920,610 | \$1,696,750 | \$223,860 |
| Joe Barton | House | R | TX | \$1,814,233 | \$1,026,506 | \$787,727 |
| Roy Blunt | Senate | R | MO | \$1,258,505 | \$680,648 | \$577,857 |
| Steve Pearce | House | R | NM | \$1,228,038 | \$1,147,389 | \$80,649 |
| Mitch McConnell | Senate | R | KY | \$1,193,508 | \$591,408 | \$602,100 |
| Jim Inhofe | Senate | R | OK | \$1,188,050 | \$759,706 | \$428,344 |
| David Vitter | Senate | R | LA | \$1,090,324 | \$914,685 | \$175,639 |
| Richard Burr | Senate | R | NC | \$1,061,520 | \$493,452 | \$568,068 |
| Mary Landrieu | Senate | D | LA | \$1,022,673 | \$695,755 | \$326,918 |
| John Dingell | House | D | MI | \$1,011,138 | \$231,366 | \$779,772 |
| Kay Hutchison | Senate | R | TX | \$1,004,214 | \$935,989 | \$68,225 |

Speaker Boehner leads the House in Dirty Energy Money

When it comes to Dirty Energy contributions in the period leading up to the 112th Congress, House Speaker Boehner leads the way with nearly \$400,000 in 2009 and 2010. The top ten House recipients in this period are made up of seven Republicans and three Democrats. Together they received nearly \$2.5 million in 2009 and 2010.

Table 2. Top Ten Dirty Energy Money House Representatives

| Name | Party | State | Total | Oil&Gas | Coal |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| John Boehner | R | OH | \$390,550 | \$136,900 | \$253,650 |
| Joe Barton | R | TX | \$305,420 | \$159,370 | \$146,050 |
| Steve Pearce | R | NM | \$258,767 | \$256,267 | \$2,500 |
| Dan Boren | D | OK | \$258,350 | \$222,550 | \$35,800 |
| Fred Upton | R | MI | \$239,800 | \$100,700 | \$139,100 |
| Steny Hoyer | D | MD | \$212,500 | \$53,500 | \$159,000 |
| Eric Cantor | R | VA | \$210,850 | \$117,900 | \$92,950 |
| Mike Ross | D | AR | \$206,900 | \$144,650 | \$62,250 |
| Bill Flores | R | TX | \$205,578 | \$200,778 | \$4,800 |
| Mike Pompeo | R | KS | \$202,750 | \$200,250 | \$2,500 |
| TOTAL | | | \$2,491,465 | | |

² Note: Figures for Reps. Blunt, Burr and Vitter differ on the www.dirtyenergymoney.com database because they moved from the House to the Senate. The figures above show the contributions they received since 1999, while the website currently only shows data for the period leading up to their election to the Senate.

Over \$4 million in Dirty Energy Money to top ten Senators

The top ten Senators took over \$4million in the lead up to the last election with former House Rep. Blunt (R-MO) leading the pack. Republicans make up nine of the top ten and three of these had Tea Party backing: Pat Toomey (R-PA), Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rand Paul (R-KY).

Table 3. Top ten Dirty Energy Money Senators

| Name | Party | State | Total | Oil&Gas | Coal |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Roy Blunt | R | MO | \$548,973 | \$310,900 | \$238,073 |
| Rob Portman | R | OH | \$542,018 | \$281,608 | \$260,410 |
| Lisa Murkowski | R | AK | \$500,472 | \$284,526 | \$215,946 |
| Joe Manchin | D | WV | \$464,498 | \$83,750 | \$380,748 |
| Pat Toomey | R | PA | \$429,605 | \$263,656 | \$165,949 |
| Richard Burr | R | NC | \$427,485 | \$188,000 | \$239,485 |
| David Vitter | R | LA | \$426,823 | \$362,350 | \$64,473 |
| John Hoeven | R | ND | \$363,220 | \$242,289 | \$120,931 |
| Marco Rubio | R | FL | \$236,420 | \$185,300 | \$51,120 |
| Rand Paul | R | KY | \$217,653 | \$100,440 | \$117,213 |
| TOTAL | | | \$4,157,167 | | |

Republicans took 128 percent more Dirty Energy Money on average than Democrats

The coal industry pumps more into Democrats than the oil industry does. Republicans are more favored by oil and gas. Republicans take 34 percent more Dirty Energy Money than the average Congressman and 128 percent more than the average Democrat.

These figures show the total and average contributions from coal and oil separately and added together. Democrats took more money from coal than they did from oil. Republicans are overwhelmingly favored by oil companies. While the Republican landslide in the House would naturally lead to higher totals for the party the averages show where Dirty Energy Money prefers to place its bets. The total figure for this Congress is less in this analysis than in Figure 1 because Figure 1 data includes contributions to candidates who did not get reelected.

Table 4. Breakdown of Dirty Energy Money across industries and parties 2009-2010

| | Avg Coal | Avg Oil | Avg DEM | Total Coal | Total Oil | Total DEM |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Democrat | \$16,316 | \$12,266 | \$28,582 | \$3,834,269 | \$2,882,500 | \$6,716,769 |
| Republican | \$23,086 | \$42,160 | \$65,246 | \$6,602,536 | \$12,057,710 | \$18,660,246 |
| All Congress | \$19,984 | \$28,571 | \$48,555 | \$10,451,805 | \$14,942,460 | \$25,394,265 |

Ten Dirty Energy Companies have contributed more than \$38 million since 1999

The top ten contributing corporate entities – including six coal companies and four oil companies – have contributed between \$2 million and \$8 million each, amounting to over \$38 million since 1999. In the last election cycle they contributed over \$6.5 million. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association tops the list at over \$8 million. Koch Industries, one of the driving forces behind the Tea Party, comes in second at over \$5 million since 1999 and over \$1.3 million in the last election cycle. ExxonMobil is a close third.

Table 5. Top ten Dirty Energy Money corporations

| Company | Fossil Fuel | Total since 1999 | Total in 2009-10 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn. | coal | \$8,063,661 | \$1,623,050 |
| Koch Industries | oil | \$5,266,304 | \$1,328,363 |
| Exxon Mobil | oil | \$4,573,990 | \$978,400 |
| Southern Co | coal | \$4,331,431 | \$746,056 |
| American Electric Power | coal | \$2,954,194 | \$686,892 |
| Chevron Corp | oil | \$2,820,997 | \$710,701 |
| Dominion Resources | coal | \$2,681,807 | \$679,741 |
| Valero Energy | oil | \$2,630,000 | \$506,700 |
| Duke Energy | coal | \$2,499,871 | \$577,495 |
| Edison International | coal | \$2,372,769 | \$396,620 |
| TOTAL | | \$38,195,024 | \$6,540,835 |

Recent votes on oil & gas subsidies and the EPA are influenced by Dirty Energy Money

Three key votes in the early months of this congress demonstrate how Dirty Energy Money influences Congress. Members voting against repealing over \$4 billion in federal tax breaks and subsidies for the oil and gas industry are receiving significantly more money from the dirty energy industries than those that vote for repealing subsidies. The same situation prevails with members voting for preventing the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases.

Keating Amendment (Oil and Gas Subsidies): On March 1, 2011, Rep. William Keating (D-MA) tabled an amendment to a continuing appropriations bill in which he sought to remove over \$4 billion of subsidies and tax breaks for the oil and gas industry. The motion was defeated 176-249. All voting Republicans voted against it. They were joined by 13 Democrats. Those voting against this amendment had received on average over 2.7 times more Dirty Energy Money in the last election cycle.

Table 6. Dirty Energy Money paid to House members voting on ending oil subsidies

| Keating Amend. H. 153 | Avg for last cycle | Total last cycle | Avg since 1999 | Total since 1999 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| DEM received by those voting 'Yea' | \$18,908 | \$3,138,669 | \$61,608 | \$10,719,868 |
| DEM received by those voting 'Nay' | \$51,052 | \$12,609,815 | \$161,680 | \$40,096,598 |

Upton Bill (Greenhouse Gas Regulation): On April 7, 2011, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011, sponsored by Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) passed the house 236-172. The bill seeks to, “*amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change, and for other purposes.*” Not a single Republican voted against it and 19 Democrats also voted for it. Supporters of the bill took on average over five times more Dirty Energy Money in the last election cycle than those that opposed it.

Table 7: Dirty Energy Money paid to House members voting on preventing the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases

| Upton Bill H.R. 910 | Avg for last cycle | Total last cycle | Avg since 1999 | Total since 1999 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| DEM received by those voting ‘Yea’ | \$32,802 | \$12,828,861 | \$158,714 | \$40,313,253 |
| DEM received by those voting ‘Nay’ | \$6,408 | \$2,946,773 | \$62,186 | \$10,571,588 |

McConnell Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Regulation): On April 6, 2011, Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), fifth on our list of Dirty Energy Money recipients (see Table 1) tabled an amendment to the Small Business Act that sought to, “*prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change.*”

The amendment failed by only one vote. All but one Republican voted for it and four democrats joined them. Those in favor received on average nearly five times as much Dirty Energy Money in the last election cycle as those against.

Table 8: Dirty Energy Money paid to senators voting on preventing the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases

| McConnell Amend. S.183 | Avg for last cycle | Total last cycle | Avg since 1999 | Total since 1999 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| DEM received by those voting ‘Yea’ | \$150,768 | \$7,387,651 | \$436,862 | \$21,843,105 |
| DEM received by those voting ‘Nay’ | \$34,933 | \$1,619,880 | \$134,364 | \$6,583,837 |