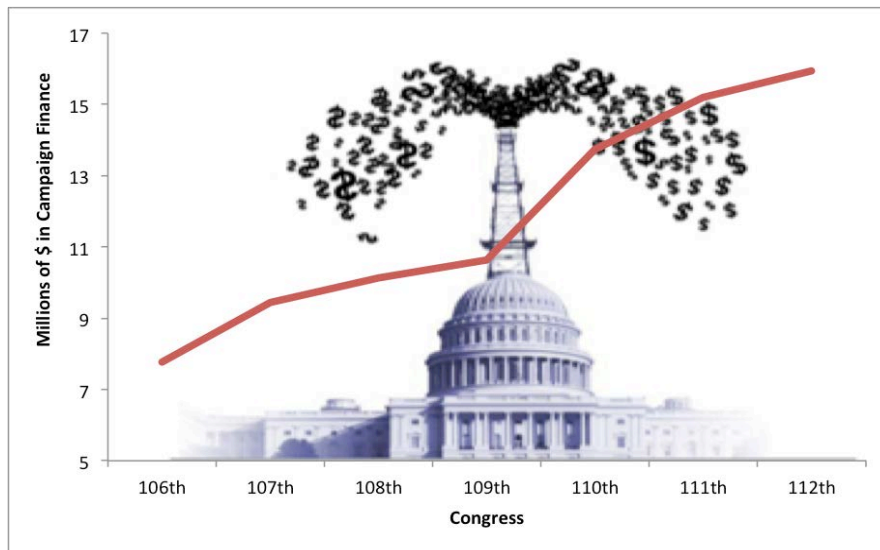


Congressional Blowout of Oil, Gas and Coal Money Dirty Energy Money pouring into Congress faster than ever before

Members of Congress have taken over \$15.9 million from the oil, gas and coal industries in this 112th Congress, through February 2012. That puts this Congress on track to be the dirtiest ever.



The information comes to light as part of the latest update of DirtyEnergyMoney.com, a project of Oil Change International which uniquely refines and reveals campaign finance data from the Center for Responsive Politics. The work reveals a decade-long trend of the fossil fuel industry buying more and more influence on Capitol Hill. Since 1999, the oil, gas and coal industries have given over \$159 million to members of Congress.

Figure 1: Dirty Energy Money in Congress from 1999-2012



Figures are through the second February in each election cycle to allow comparability with current year¹.

What do the oil, gas and coal industry get for these donations? It would seem to buy Congressional support for preserving subsidies and weakening environmental regulations. Key votes, including these, are profiled on the new update of DirtyEnergyMoney.com.

Title & Description	For (?)	Against (?)	Who Won (?)
S2012-63 A Senate vote related to S.2204 - Repeal Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, which would remove \$2.4 billion annually in subsidies to the Big 5 oil companies. Needed 60 votes.	51 \$23,203	47 \$47,937	
S2011-72 A Senate vote related to S. 940: Close Big Oil Tax Loophole Act, which eliminates certain tax breaks for the largest U.S. oil companies. Needed 60 votes.	52 \$22,818	48 \$52,375	

¹ <http://priceofoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/OCI.monthlyCongDEMthruFebelectionyear-FINAL.pdf>

In It to Win It: The Top Takers

The top ten dirtiest members of the 112th Congress have taken just over \$3 million. They include four Senators and six House Representatives, and all but one are Republicans.

Table 1: Top Ten Dirtiest Members of the 112th Congress

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Coal
John Boehner	H	R	OH	\$574,005	\$230,400	\$343,605
John Barrasso	S	R	WY	\$358,381	\$231,200	\$127,181
Mitch McConnell	S	R	KY	\$322,300	\$268,200	\$54,100
David McKinley	H	R	WV	\$299,378	\$47,600	\$251,778
Orrin Hatch	S	R	UT	\$260,650	\$200,400	\$60,000
Joe Manchin	S	D	WV	\$257,150	\$37,750	\$216,900
Fred Upton	H	R	MI	\$254,650	\$116,750	\$137,900
Rick Berg	H	R	ND	\$251,678	\$228,550	\$23,128
Denny Rehberg	H	R	MT	\$234,193	\$142,625	\$91,568
Eric Cantor	H	R	VA	\$212,544	\$117,300	\$95,244
TOTAL	-	-	-	\$3,024,929	\$1,620,775	\$1,401,404

Data compiled through February 2012.

Twelve members of Congress -- ten Republicans and two Democrats -- have taken more than a million dollars from coal, oil & gas companies since 1999. Four are in the House and eight are in the Senate. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) leads the pack, checking in at just over \$2 million.

Table 2: Members of Congress who have taken over \$1 million in Dirty Energy Money since 1999.

Name	Chamber	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Total Coal
John Cornyn	S	R	TX	\$2,088,385	\$1,857,475	\$228,660
Joe Barton	H	R	TX	\$1,981,183	\$1,160,056	\$821,127
Mitch McConnell	S	R	KY	\$1,549,508	\$901,158	\$640,350
John Boehner	H	R	OH	\$1,405,630	\$521,475	\$883,905
Steve Pearce	H	R	NM	\$1,403,841	\$1,310,942	\$90,899
Roy Blunt	S	R	MO	\$1,367,980	\$752,223	\$610,007
Jim Inhofe	S	R	OK	\$1,298,450	\$853,356	\$443,844
David Vitter	S	R	LA	\$1,201,024	\$1,008,635	\$183,139
Mary Landrieu	S	D	LA	\$1,159,673	\$796,355	\$362,318
Richard Burr	S	R	NC	\$1,100,845	\$511,502	\$574,343
John Dingell	H	D	MI	\$1,077,638	\$262,866	\$814,772
Kay Hutchison	S	R	TX	\$1,035,364	\$967,639	\$67,725
TOTAL	-	-	-	\$16,669,52	\$10,903,68	\$5,721,089
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Data compiled for period between 1999 and February 2012. Only current Members of Congress are listed.

In this 112th Congress, the top ten House recipients have taken just over \$2.5 million to date. They are all Republicans. Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) has taken the most – just under \$575,000.

Table 3: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money House Representatives in the 112th Congress

Name	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Coal
John Boehner	R	OH	\$574,005	\$230,400	\$343,605
David McKinley	R	WV	\$299,378	\$47,600	\$251,778
Fred Upton	R	MI	\$254,650	\$116,750	\$137,900
Rick Berg	R	ND	\$251,678	\$228,550	\$23,128

Denny Rehberg	R	MT	\$234,193	\$142,625	\$91,568
Eric Cantor	R	VA	\$212,544	\$117,300	\$95,244
Kevin McCarthy	R	CA	\$184,700	\$152,200	\$32,500
Ed Whitfield	R	KY	\$175,750	\$61,750	\$114,000
Dave Camp	R	MI	\$172,250	\$108,000	\$64,000
John Sullivan	R	OK	\$150,700	\$107,200	\$43,500
TOTAL	-	-	\$2,509,848	\$1,312,375	\$1,197,223

Data compiled through February 2012.

When it comes to Dirty Energy Money taken over the last two decades, the top ten House recipients – eight Republicans and two Democrats -- have taken just over \$11 million.

Representative Joe Barton (R-TX) leads the way with nearly \$2 million.

Table 4: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money House Representatives Since 1999

Name	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Coal
Joe Barton	R	TX	\$1,981,183	\$1,160,056	\$821,127
John Boehner	R	OH	\$1,405,630	\$521,475	\$883,905
Steve Pearce	R	NM	\$1,403,841	\$1,310,942	\$90,899
John Dingell	D	MI	\$1,077,638	\$262,866	\$814,772
John Sullivan	R	OK	\$939,975	\$727,250	\$212,725
Eric Cantor	R	VA	\$908,041	\$454,350	\$453,691
Shelley Capito	R	WV	\$865,881	\$376,245	\$474,136
Dan Boren	D	OK	\$829,559	\$693,560	\$130,184
Fred Upton	R	MI	\$805,600	\$333,600	\$472,000
K. Conaway	R	TX	\$805,368	\$760,368	\$45,000
TOTAL	-	-	\$11,022,716	\$6,600,712	\$4,398,439

Data compiled for period between 1999 and February 2012. Only current Members of Congress are listed.

In the 112th Congress, the top ten Senators have taken just over \$2 million so far. Senator John Barroso (R-WY) takes the lead, with just over \$350,000.

Table 5: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money Senators in the 112th Congress

Name	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Coal
John Barrasso	R	WY	\$358,381	\$231,200	\$127,181
Mitch McConnell	R	KY	\$322,300	\$268,200	\$54,100
Orrin Hatch	R	UT	\$260,650	\$200,400	\$60,000
Joe Manchin	D	WV	\$257,150	\$37,750	\$216,900
Bob Corker	R	TN	\$171,326	\$121,550	\$47,276
Dean Heller	R	NV	\$156,880	\$123,600	\$32,280
Roger Wicker	R	MS	\$139,626	\$105,700	\$33,926
Scott Brown	R	MA	\$138,185	\$93,000	\$45,185
Mary Landrieu	D	LA	\$112,400	\$77,000	\$35,400
Richard Lugar	R	IN	\$103,700	\$50,200	\$53,500
TOTAL	-	-	\$2,020,598	\$1,308,600	\$705,748

Data compiled through February 2012.

The ten Senators who've taken the most Dirty Energy Money since 1999 -- nine Republicans and one Democrat -- have taken over \$6.7 million. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) takes the prize with just over \$2 million, the majority of which comes from the oil & gas industry.

Table 6: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money Senators Since 1999

Name	Party	State	Total	Oil & Gas	Coal
John Cornyn	R	TX	\$2,088,385	\$1,857,475	\$228,660
Mitch McConnell	R	KY	\$1,549,508	\$901,158	\$640,350
Roy Blunt	R	MO	\$1,367,980	\$752,223	\$610,007
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Richard Burr	R	NC	\$1,100,845	\$511,502	\$574,343
Kay Hutchison	R	TX	\$1,035,364	\$967,639	\$67,725
Lisa Murkowski	R	AK	\$945,784	\$547,188	\$395,096
John Thune	R	SD	\$872,022	\$616,912	\$238,860
TOTAL	-	-	\$12,619,035	\$8,812,443	\$3,744,342

Data compiled for period between 1999 and February 2012. Only current Members of Congress are listed.

From the Boardroom to Capitol Hill: The Top Industry Givers

The biggest givers in the 112th Congress have given over \$4 million, including \$2.7 million for coal and \$1.6 million for oil. The top giver so far is the National Rural Electric Cooperative, which has given just over \$810,000.

Table 7: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money Companies in the 112th Congress

Company	Total in 112 th Congress	Oil & Gas	Coal
National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn	\$810,450	\$0	\$810,450
Exxon Mobil	\$670,450	\$670,450	\$0
Koch Industries	\$618,000	\$618,000	\$0
Murray Energy	\$381,627	\$0	\$381,627
American Electric Power	\$363,700	\$3,500	\$360,200
Chevron Corp	\$335,150	\$335,150	\$0
Southern Co	\$322,646	\$0	\$322,646
FirstEnergy Corp	\$314,400	\$0	\$314,400
Alpha Natural Resources	\$268,698	\$0	\$268,698
Dominion Resources	\$260,745	\$250	\$260,495
TOTAL	\$4,345,866	\$1,627,350	\$2,718,516

Data compiled through February 2012.

Table 8: Top Ten Oil & Gas Givers in the 112th Congress

Company	Oil & Gas	Total in 112 th Congress
Exxon Mobil	\$670,450	\$670,450
Koch Industries	\$618,000	\$618,000
Chevron Corp	\$335,150	\$335,150
Chesapeake Energy	\$260,350	\$260,350
Valero Energy	\$254,500	\$254,500
Occidental Petroleum	\$225,000	\$225,000
Devon Energy	\$219,300	\$219,300
Williams Companies	\$217,650	\$217,650
ConocoPhillips	\$204,550	\$204,550
Marathon Oil	\$201,000	\$201,000
TOTAL	\$3,205,950	3,205,950

Data compiled through February 2012.

Table 9: Top Ten Coal Givers in the 112th Congress

Company	Coal	Total in 112 th Congress
National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn	\$810,450	\$810,450
Murray Energy	\$381,627	\$381,627
American Electric Power	\$360,200	\$363,700
Southern Co	\$322,646	\$322,646
FirstEnergy Corp	\$314,400	\$314,400
Alpha Natural Resources	\$268,698	\$268,698
Dominion Resources	\$260,495	\$260,745
DTE Energy	\$218,750	\$219,750
Duke Energy	\$213,900	\$229,400
Arch Coal	\$186,450	\$186,450
TOTAL	\$3,337,616	\$3,357,866

Data compiled through February 2012.

The top ten Dirty Energy Money companies since 1999 have given nearly \$43 million to the current members of congress, over \$4 million of which has been in this 112th Congress. This of course does not include all the money they have given since 1999 to members of congress that are no longer serving.

Table 10: Top Ten Dirty Energy Money Companies Since 1999

Company	Fossil Fuel	Total since 1999	Total in 112 th Congress
National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn.	coal	\$8,873,111	\$810,450
Koch Industries	oil	\$5,890,004	\$618,000
ExxonMobil	oil	\$5,323,090	\$670,450
Southern Co	coal	\$4,660,127	\$322,646
American Electric Power	coal	\$3,328,194	\$363,700
Chevron Corp	oil	\$3,172,347	\$335,150
FirstEnergy Corp	coal	\$3,062,461	\$314,400
Dominion Energy	oil	\$2,970,102	\$260,745
Valero Energy	oil	\$2,844,000	\$254,500
Duke Energy	coal	\$2,731,521	\$229,400
TOTAL		\$42,854,957	\$4,179,441

Data compiled through February 2012.

Congress Hearts Dirty Energy Money – and shows their appreciation

The 112th Congress has voted overwhelmingly with dirty energy interests. Oil Change International has tracked 23 votes from this 112th Congress that affect dirty energy interests. The votes address issues such as restricting the EPA's oversight of drilling permits, authorizing the leasing of currently restricted areas for drilling such as the Atlantic and Pacific outer continental shelves and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, expediting permitting of the Keystone XL pipeline or removing subsidies for the biggest oil & gas companies.

The majority of these votes have been attempts by House Republicans to remove barriers to expand drilling or to diminish the power of regulators to oversee operations. While many of these initiatives have passed in the House they have all so far stumbled in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the Senate has been the home to two attempts to reduce subsidies to Big Oil, both of which failed due to filibusters that require 60 votes for the motion to pass. If a simple majority had been required, these motions would have passed.

In all of these cases, representatives and senators voting with the interests of dirty energy companies received a lot more money from those interests than those that voted against. Here's a sample:

Spotlight: EPA Regulation of Toxic Waste from Mountaintop Removal

In House Vote 129, Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY) sought to block the EPA from regulating the dumping of toxic waste from mountaintop removal coal mining into rivers as an amendment to a Full-Year Continuing Appropriations (budget) bill. The amendment passed 235/185 but did not get taken up in the Senate. Those voting for the bill have taken 3.7 times more money from coal interests in the current Congress. The average representative voting for the amendment took 2.6 times more in the same period.



Table 11: House Vote 2011-129. Blocks the EPA from protecting navigable waters from toxic mountaintop removal waste.

Coal Money Received	112th Avg	112th Total	Avg since 1999	Total since 1999
Yays	\$15,170	\$3,534,521	\$76,874	\$17,988,447
Nays	\$5,663	\$934,354	\$45,790	\$8,471,178

Spotlight: The Keystone XL Pipeline

The Keystone XL pipeline is a proposed 1,700 mile pipeline that would bring up to 830,000 barrels a day of tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast. In July 2011, before the State Department had finished its assessment of the project and long before the President announced a delay to the permitting in November of that year, members of the House sought to expedite the project's approval through this bill.



The bill passed 279/147 but various attempts to pass similar legislation in the Senate have so far failed. The average House Representative voting for the bill took 8.5 times more money from the oil & gas industry during the current congress than the average representative voting against.

Table 12: House Vote 2011-650: Directs the President to expedite approval of the Keystone XL pipeline

Oil & Gas money received	112 th Avg	112 th Total	Avg since 1999	Total since 1999
Yays	\$22,555	\$6,292,904	\$125,027	\$34,882,442
Nays	\$2,625	\$385,850	\$22,817	\$3,354,049

Spotlight: EPA Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Senate Vote 2011-54 was an amendment moved by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell that sought to prohibit the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions. Both coal and oil & gas interests supported this proposed restriction on the EPA's authority. The vote required 60 votes to pass but split the Senate 50/50, so it was rejected.



The Senate was not so evenly split when it came to contributions from dirty energy interests. Those voting for the amendment had taken 3 times more money during the current congress than those that opposed it.

Table 13: Senate Vote 2011-54: Prohibit the EPA from taking any action to regulate greenhouse gases to address climate change

Dirty Energy Money Received	112 th Avg	112 th Total	Avg since 1999	Total since 1999
Yays	\$53,444	\$2,672,175	\$553,429	\$27,671,448
Nays	\$17,430	\$871,495	\$164,335	\$8,216,747

Spotlight: Subsidies for Big Oil

Senate Vote 2012-63 ended debate on a bill proposed by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) to repeal subsidies for the biggest five oil companies saving the taxpayer \$2.4 billion annually. It was a cloture vote requiring 60 votes to pass. Senators voted 51/47 to continue debate on the bill thus rejecting the motion and killing the bill. The average Senator voting against the motion has taken 4.3 times more money from the oil & gas industry since 1999.



Table 14: Senate Vote 2012-63: Remove \$2.4 billion annually in subsidies to the Big 5 oil companies.

Oil & Gas Money Received	112th Avg	112th Total	Avg since 1999	Total since 1999
Yays	\$9,480	\$483,475	\$82,358	\$4,200,279
Nays	\$32,408	\$1,523,180	\$356,478	\$16,754,454