



Campaign Finance Reform Blast

Money in Colorado 2014 Elections

The Center for Responsive Politics/ Open Secrets, provides information on the money spent in the Mark Udall, Cory Gardner race for the U.S. Senate. They include the names of the group or organization making each contribution and whether the money was spent supporting or opposing a candidate. Most of the information comes from reports to the FEC. Some of the information on 501c spending came from other research. Totals of the monies spent by liberals and conservatives are shown in the table below.

Udall/Gardner Race:

	Liberal	Conservative
Candidate/committee	\$20,462,553	\$12,490,384
PAC	\$11,950,131	\$10,055,462
Super Pac	\$19,883,204	\$5,763,045
501c groups	\$4,212,785	\$17,402,291
Total	\$56,508,673	\$45,711,182

This race was seen as critical to the control of the U.S. Senate. The total money spent was at least **103 million dollars**, most of it coming from out of state and from extremely wealthy individuals and groups.

The Sunlight Foundation/Open States provides information on the money raised by the winners of Colorado's U.S. House races in 2014.

Mike Coffman was re-elected to represent Colorado House District 6. He received contributions of **\$3,896,386**. The interest group providing the largest funding for his campaign was the oil and gas industry. This included contributions from Koch Industries and ExxonMobil.



Ed Perlmutter was re-elected to represent Colorado House District 7. He received contributions of **\$2,168,934**. The interest group providing the largest funding for his campaign was banks and credit with lawyers/law firms a close second. Contributors included Capitol One, First Bank, JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo.

Scott Tipton was re-elected to represent Colorado House District 3. He received contributions of **\$1,328,802**. The largest interest group funding his election was the oil and gas industry. The contributors included Haliburton.

Jared Polis was re-elected to represent Colorado House District 2. He received contributions of \$1,276,783. The interest group providing the largest funding for his campaign was the Democratic Party of Colorado.

Ken Buck was elected to represent Colorado House District 4. He received contributions of **\$1,111,008**. The interest group providing the largest funding for his campaign was the oil and gas industry. Contributors included Cade Oil and Gas.

Diana Degette was re-elected to represent Colorado House District 1. She received contributions of **\$948,577**. The interest groups providing the largest funding for her campaign were the pharmaceuticals/health products and health professions about equally. Contributors included Jstreetpac and Abbott Laboratories.

Doug Lamborn was re-elected to represent Colorado House, District 5. He received contributions of **\$507,505**. The interest group providing the largest funding for his campaign was the oil and gas industry. Contributors included Koch brothers, Honeywell, Northrup Grumman and Lockheed.

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