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Corporate Campaign Spending: How the Oil Lobby Has “Rigged” the System



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Rigging at the federal level

Charles and David Koch

\$750,000,000



Democrats



Amount received from oil and gas industry:
\$398,000 in 2008

\$160,000 in 2016
(third most)



Amount received from oil and gas industry:
\$13,000 in 2016

Amount received from the environmental lobby as a Senator:
\$48,000

Republicans



Amount received from oil and gas industry:
\$11,000,000 in 2016

Total raised in 2016:
\$154,000,000
(the most outside money by any candidate)



Amount raised from outside sources:
"Only" \$1.9 million

Amount received from oil and gas industry:
\$9,000

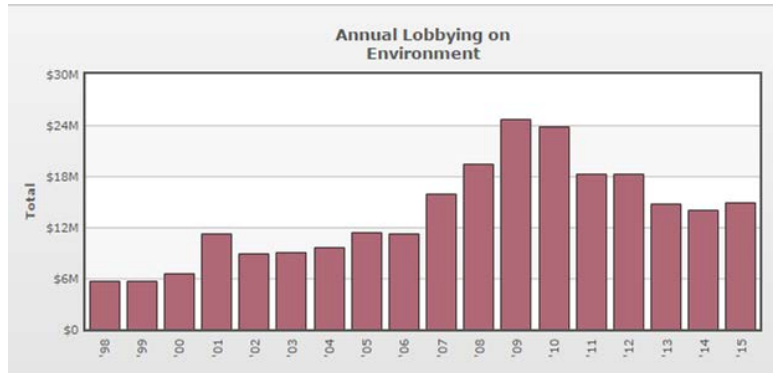
Rigging at the state level

Earl Ray Tomblin - Governor of WV (Democrat)

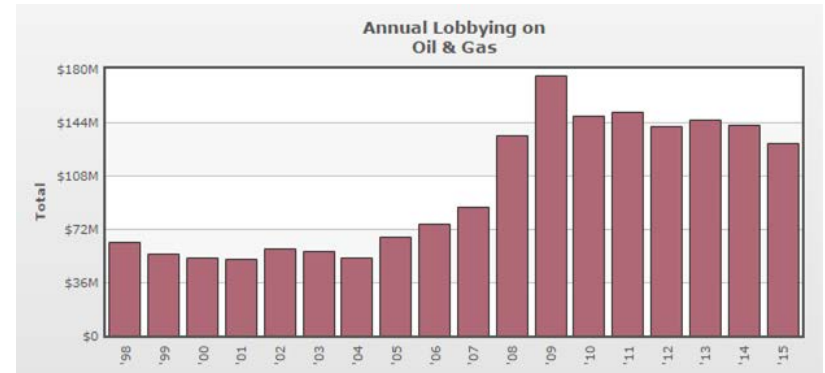
- Leading governor of the lawsuit against President Obama over the Clean Power Plan
- Received nearly \$1 million from the non-renewable energy sector in his campaign for reelection in 2012

Greg Abbott - Governor of TX (Republican)

- Also involved in the lawsuit against President Obama over the Clean Power Plan
- Received over \$9 million in campaign contributions from the oil and gas lobby alone



Total = \$14.8 million (2015)



Total = \$130 million (2015)

Rigging in Pennsylvania

.028%

vs.

2.02%

Amount spent by the environmental lobby in the 2014 PA election cycle

\$61,623 of \$220,436,328

Amount spent by non-renewable energy in the 2014 PA election cycle

\$4,453,639 of \$220,436,328

Tom Wolf (D)

Oil and Gas Lobby - \$161,000

Environmental Lobby - \$4,000

vs.

Tom Corbett (R)

Oil and Gas Lobby - \$2.5 million

Environmental Lobby - no data found

How do we stop the rigging?

- States with some form of clean election/donation matching laws:
 - Maine, Vermont, Arizona, North Carolina, New Mexico, New Jersey, Connecticut, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Hawaii
 - Most of these laws were put into place via ballot measure rather than legislation
- Will a voucher system work at the national level as Lessig suggests?
- 4 of the top 5 countries in the 2014 Environmental Performance Index have no limits on campaign financing
 - Switzerland (1), Luxembourg (2), Australia (3), and Czech Republic (5)
- The environmental lobby can't win by playing the same game, we need a complete overhaul of campaign finance laws
- Tom Steyer of NextGEN spent upwards of \$50 million in 2014 elections -- 40% success rate
- Majority of Americans in favor of environmental reform, but grassroots efforts don't seem to work either, as seen through the competition between Sanders and Clinton