

Romney, Santorum Super PACs Exchange Fire

Rick Santorum continues to face a full-throttle attack spanning multiple states from the Romney super PAC, Restore Our Future. The group has reported spending \$1.66 million against Santorum from last Friday through today. This a major surge in negative ad spending against Santorum, who until his recent victories in Minnesota, Missouri, and Colorado was largely left untouched in the super PAC wars. The Restore Our Future ads target Santorum in Arizona, Ohio, Michigan, Alabama, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The group also recorded a national cable ad buy today for more than \$400,000.

Groups supporting Santorum are trying their best to match the Romney super PAC. From Friday through today Santorum's super PAC, Red White And Blue Fund, has dropped \$1,327,107 across four states -- Michigan, Ohio, Washington, and Alaska -- while the Susan B Anthony List spent \$149,000 to support Santorum. That brings Santorum's total of outside support of the past six days to \$1.46 million, nearly matching that of Romney's allies.

The Obama super PAC is jumping into Michigan with a [\\$243,000 ad buy targeting Mitt Romney](#). (Ad linked below.)

Both [labor unions](#) and the [Chamber of Commerce](#) are gearing up their electoral engines for the 2012 race. Both expect to spend huge sums.

Running racist ads is apparently a [really bad idea](#) in the 21st century. Who would have thunk it?

The Campaign Finance Institute [breaks down recent campaign filings](#) by the presidential candidates. One big finding: 88 percent of Barack Obama's donors are repeat donors. These are the kind of donors who are more likely to come back and give more again and again.

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