

# Super PAC spending

Independent political organizations known as "super PACs" are the wild cards in this year's election, the product of a series of court rulings, including the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision in January 2010. A total of 39 super PACs have spent \$63.3 million — 55% of which has been spent opposing candidates. Here's a look at the spending to date, in support and in opposition, according to reports filed with the Federal Elections Commission. Source: <http://graphics.latimes.com/2012-election-superpac-spending/>

Total Spent on Newt Gingrich = \$28,273,691.

Total Spent on Rick Santorum = \$14,724,628

Total Spent on Mitt Romney = \$8,316,062

Total Spent on Ron Paul = \$3,968,339

Total Spent on Rick Perry = \$3,964,824

Total Spent on Jon Huntsman = \$2,462,927

Total Spent on Obama = \$1,105,078

Total Spent on Herman Cain = \$494,648

PACs without ties to a specific candidate (\$3,974,113)

Sources; Federal Election Commission

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Total spent by Super PACs for negative ads on a candidate \$18.4M. Total spent in support of a candidate \$9.9M.

PACs supporting Romney have spent \$18,242,621 to oppose Newt Gingrich. PACS supporting Gingrich have spent \$9,856,408 supporting Newt Gingrich. This is from February 14, 2012 to February 29<sup>th</sup> 2012.

PACs supporting Romney have spent \$9,139,120 to oppose Santorum. PACs supporting Santorum have spent \$4,999,629 to support Santorum. PACs not affiliated with any candidate have spent \$583,520 to support Rick Santorum.

PACs supporting Newt Gingrich have spent \$4,2919,856 to oppose Mitt Romney. PACs not affiliated with any candidate have spent \$1,672,036 to oppose Mitt Romney. PACs supporting President Obama have raised \$611,766 to oppose Mitt Romney. PACs supporting Mitt Romney have spent \$1,316,408 to support Mitt Romney. PACs not affiliated with any candidate have spent \$475,000 to support Mitt Romney.

. PACs not affiliated with any candidate have spent \$132,989 to oppose Ron Paul. PACs supporting Paul have spent \$3,835,350 to support Ron Paul.

No right wing PACs opposed Rick Perry. PACs supporting Rick Perry have spent \$3,959,824 to support Rick Perry.

PACs supporting Jon Huntsman spent \$2,462,927 to support Jon Huntsman.

PACs not affiliated with any candidate have spent \$825,133 to oppose President Obama.

Unfortunately, even with these statistics most Americans won't know the identity of the PACs and how much any one PAC spent for or against a candidate let alone who's funding the PACs. It has been reported that Jon Huntsman Sr. the father of former Presidential candidate Jon Huntsman was responsible for bankrolling the Our Destiny PAC supporting his son's Presidential campaign. However, we don't know enough about the other





















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