

## Top Independent Group Spenders in Gubernatorial Races (September 1 to October 7)

Organization	Group Type	Est. Spending	Spots	States in which Advertising	Group's Party Lean
Republican Governor's Association		527	\$11,776,920	16945 GA, HI, MA, MD, ME, MI, NH, OH, OK, VT, WI	Rep
Bay State Future		527	\$2,167,850	1146 MA	Dem
Citizens for Strength and Security		527	\$1,678,010	859 MD	Dem
Democratic Governor's Association		527	\$1,286,620	2090 CT, ME, NM, RI	Dem
California Teachers Association	501(c)(5)		\$1,280,590	396 CA	Dem
Greater Wisconsin Political Fund		527	\$1,252,970	2932 WI	Dem
Back to Basics Political Action Committee	PAC		\$1,099,880	517 TX	Dem
SEIU	501(c)(5)		\$1,025,590	1020 CA, OH	Dem
	Independent Expenditure				
Lone Star First	Committee		\$772,340	365 TX	Dem
Minnesota Forward	PAC		\$680,650	627 MN	Rep
Alliance for a Better Minnesota		527	\$650,130	1278 MN	Dem
US Chamber of Commerce	501(c)(6)		\$576,630	203 CA	Rep
Greater Wisconsin Committee	PAC		\$496,430	1133 WI	Dem
Minnesota's Future		527	\$461,520	469 MN	Rep
American Justice Partnership	501(c)(3)		\$450,690	840 WI	Rep
Building a Stronger Ohio	PAC		\$443,640	452 OH	Dem
Green Mountain Future		527	\$435,070	772 VT	Dem

\*Amounts may include some primary race advertising.

\*\*Groups often have more than one classification through which they conduct their political or election-related activities. The entry in this table reflects our best guess as to what organizational form funded the ads. The group type assignment may not be completely accurate because the ad disclaimers do not signify the tax entity through which the parent organization funded the ad buy.

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