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Intelligence Companies Contribute Heavily to Lawmakers Extending War Funding

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July 29, 2010 - On Tuesday, the House voted 308-114 to [authorize more funding for the war in Afghanistan](#). Many Democrats and a handful of Republicans expressed their displeasure with the war by voting against the measure. MAPLight.org examined contributions from the top ten companies based on the number of government contracts for intelligence work since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to "Top Secret America" an [extensive study by the Washington Post](#). Over the last two years, Representatives voting for additional funding for the war received nearly twice as much from these companies as those voting against the measure.

	Yes Voters	Total Contributions	Number of Reps	Average
Democrats		\$2,824,443	148	\$19,084
Republicans		\$2,890,975	160	\$18,069
Grand Total		\$5,715,418	308	\$18,557
No Voters				
Democrats		\$1,051,050	102	\$10,304.00
Republicans		\$82,000	12	\$6,833.00
Grand Total		\$1,133,050	114	\$9,939
Abstained				
Democrats		\$77,500	5	\$15,500
Republicans		\$109,000	6	\$18,167
Grand Total		\$186,500	11	\$16,954
All Representatives				
Democrats		\$3,952,993	255	\$15,502
Republicans		\$3,081,975	178	\$17,314
Grand Total		\$7,034,968	433	\$16,247

Includes reported contributions to congressional campaigns of House members in office on day of vote, from interest groups invested in the vote according to MAPLight.org, June 4, 2008 – June 3, 2010. Contributions data source: [OpenSecrets.org](#).

About our data



Read the details about our [data sources and methodology](#). Data refers to direct contributions to the campaign committees of elected legislators. For example, contribution totals exclude contributions to party committees such as the RNC or the DNC and exclude contributions made to individuals that did not win their election. For U.S. Congress, contributions data provided by the Center for Responsive Politics ([OpenSecrets.org](#)) and legislative data provided by [GovTrack.us](#). California contributions data provided by the National Institute on Money in State Politics ([FollowTheMoney.org](#)). Wisconsin contributions data provided by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign ([wisdc.org](#)).

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