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WASHINGTON -- Independent spending by PAC's and individuals totalled \$22.8 million in the 1983-84 election cycle, according to a new report published by the Federal Election Commission.

Under federal election law, an "independent expenditure" is money spent to finance a communication which advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified federal candidate. Such an expenditure must be made without cooperation or consultation with the candidate or his/her campaign. Independent expenditures are not limited as are contributions made directly to candidates' campaigns.

As in 1979-80, most of the spending in 1983-84, \$17.4 million, was in regard to the Presidential race. In 1979-80, \$13.7 million of \$16.1 million was spent on Presidential candidates.

Independent spending for and against Congressional candidates has fluctuated over the past three election cycles. In 1979-80, the total spent independently on Senate and House campaigns by committees and individuals was \$2.3 million; in 1981-82, \$5.75 million; in 1983-84, \$5.3 million.

Negative spending has accounted for a greater percentage of all monies spent independently in Congressional election cycles than in Presidential election cycles, because a large portion of independent spending in Presidential election years has been in support of Presidential candidates. Only \$2.2 million was spent in 1979-80 against Presidential, Senate and House candidates - 13.6% of all monies spent independently. By contrast, in 1981-82, a Congressional election cycle, negative spending totalled \$4.6 million, 79% of all monies spent. Finally, in 1983-84, only \$2.8 million was spent against Presidential and Congressional candidates - 12.2% of all independent expenditures.

When only Congressional elections are considered, negative spending figures more prominently:

Independent Spending in Congressional Races

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1983-84</u>
Total spent independently Congressional races only	\$ 2.3	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.3
Total spent against Congressional candidates	\$ 1.4	\$ 4.6	\$ 1.9
(Percentage of total spent)	(61%)	(80%)	(36%)

(Figures in millions of dollars)

Independent spending was reported by 203 different sources during 1983-84, (155 political committees, 24 individuals, and 24 other groups.) In 1981-82, there were a total of 94 spenders: 70 political committees, 7 individuals, and 17 other

groups. In 1979-80, there were 105 political committees, 33 individuals, and 80 other groups, for a total of 218 reporting entities.

The following pages list the top spenders and the candidates on whose behalf or against whom the most money was spent. Charts also list the spending in various categories.

The full FEC Index of Independent Expenditures, 1983-84, is available for \$15 from the Commission's Office of Public Records, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.



The following political committees reported spending the most independently:

Committee	For	Against	Total
1. National Conservative PAC	\$9,837,580	\$406,173	\$10,243,753
2. Fund for a Conservative Majority	2,099,011	78,617	2,177,628
3. Ruff PAC	2,020,225	-	2,020,225
4. National Congressional Club	948,032	-	948,032
5. NRA Political Victory Fund	785,516	-	785,516
6. North Carolina Campaign Fund	-	765,936	765,936
7. Council for National Defense	620,861	118,691	739,552
8. American Medical Association PAC	450,020	-	450,020
9. Realtors PAC	355,346	-	355,346
10. Christian Voice Moral Government Fund	339,836	5,355	345,191

The following individuals spent the most independently:

	\$		
1. Michael Goland	-	\$419,573	\$419,573
2. James Moore	79,934	-	79,934
3. Cecil Haden	40,386	-	40,386
4. David Koch	19,885	-	19,885
5. Katherine Villers	6,809	-	6,809
6. Al Kuvet	4,292	-	4,292
7. E.P. Webb	4,158	-	4,158
8. Richard Hardoin	3,440	-	3,440
9. Victor Weissberg	-	2,600	2,600
10. Harry Guenther	2,057	-	2,057

Candidates for or against whom the most money was spent:

Candidates	Independent Expenditures			
	For	Against	Total	
Presidential				
1. Ronald Reagan	Rep Incumbent	\$15,806,225	\$343,835	\$16,150,060
2. Walter Mondale	Dem Challenger	803,923	445,240	1,249,163
3. Gary Hart	Dem Challenger	-	40,859	40,859
Senate				
1. Jesse Helms	R/NC Incumbent	\$ 583,310	\$812,590	\$ 1,395,900
2. Charles Percy	R/IL Incumbent	40,687	506,549	547,236
3. Phil Gramm	R/TX Open Seat	533,526	-	533,526
4. Roger Jepsen	R/IA Incumbent	194,014	6,807	200,821
5. *Daniel Evans	R/WA Open Seat	186,597	-	186,597
6. Lloyd Doggett	D/TX Open Seat	101,816	-	101,816
7. +Kent Hance	D/TX Open Seat	99,270	-	99,270
8. Thomas Harkin	D/IA Challenger	14,129	83,753	97,882
9. Ray Shamie	R/MA Open Seat	91,416	-	91,416
10. #Edward Kennedy	D/MA Incumbent	-	69,518	69,518

* participated in 1983 Special Election
+ became a Republican following the 1984 election
not a candidate for reelection in 1984

House

1. Thomas P. O'Neill	D-MA/08	Inc.	\$ 213	\$ 61,014	\$ 61,227
2. Robert Dornan	R-CA/38	Chl.	54,424	-	54,424
3. James Kolbe	R-AZ/05	Chl.	54,091	-	54,091
4. Helen Delich Bentley	R-MD/02	Chl.	50,230	-	50,230
5. Lewis Crampton	R-MA/10	Chl.	49,799	-	49,799
6. Tom Vandergrif	D-TX/26	Inc.	48,475	-	48,475
7. Jerry Sikorski	D-MN/06	Inc.	43,797	-	43,797
8. James Jones	D-OK/01	Inc.	41,339	1,913	43,252
9. Dean Gallo	R-NJ/11	Chl.	42,180	-	42,180
10. Peter Kostmayer	D-PA/08	Inc.	21,637	10,425	32,062



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CANDIDATE TYPE	Total No. Candidates	Total Spent	Independent Expenditures			
			No. Cands. For	Amount	No. Cands. Against	Amount
PRESIDENTIAL	7	\$17,443,730	4	\$16,612,897	5	\$ 830,833
Democrats	5	1,292,621	2	805,623	4	486,998
Republicans	1	16,150,060	1	15,806,225	1	343,835
Other Party	1	1,049	1	1,049	-	-
TOTAL CONGRESSIONAL	453	\$ 5,313,320	417	\$ 3,359,719	118	\$1,953,601
SENATE	81	3,978,790	65	\$ 2,169,938	38	\$1,808,852
Democrats	46	776,625	34	\$ 366,674	27	\$ 409,951
Incumbents	18	263,236	13	56,388	12	206,848
Challengers	19	229,338	14	89,179	10	140,159
Open Seats	9	284,051	7	221,107	5	62,944
Republicans	35	\$ 3,202,165	31	\$ 1,803,264	11	\$1,398,901
Incumbents	20	2,478,274	16	1,079,373	11	1,398,901
Challengers	9	68,442	9	68,442	-	-
Open Seats	6	655,449	6	655,449	-	-
HOUSE	372	\$ 1,334,530	352	\$ 1,189,781	80	\$ 144,749
Democrats	168	\$ 675,667	158	\$ 557,765	37	\$ 117,902
Incumbents	124	586,737	118	475,099	31	111,638
Challengers	33	43,026	30	41,770	3	1,256
Open Seats	11	45,904	10	40,896	3	5,008
Republicans	204	\$ 658,863	194	\$ 632,016	43	\$ 26,847
Incumbents	101	178,356	92	151,880	39	26,476
Challengers	87	372,630	86	372,314	3	316
Open Seats	16	107,877	16	107,822	1	55
Total Democrats	219	\$ 2,744,913	194	\$ 1,730,062	68	\$1,014,851
Total Republicans	240	\$20,011,088	226	\$18,241,505	55	\$1,769,583
Total Incumbents	264	\$19,656,663	240	\$17,568,965	94	\$2,087,698
Total Challengers	154	\$ 2,007,106	142	\$ 1,378,377	20	\$ 628,729
Total Open Seats	42	\$ 1,093,281	39	\$ 1,025,274	9	\$ 68,007
Grand Total	460	\$22,757,050	421	\$19,972,616	123	\$2,784,434

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