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DEMOCRATS NARROW FINANCIAL GAP IN 1991-92

WASHINGTON -- The financial gap between the Republican and Democratic political parties is now less than two-to-one, according to a year-end study just released by the Federal Election Commission on the 1991-92 election cycle. The disparity between the two parties in terms of raising and spending strictly federal dollars was at one time nearly five-to-one, with the Republican Party far ahead.

On the national level, the Republican fundraising pattern appears to have stabilized since 1988, following a severe decline after the 1984 elections. Democrats have continued to increase their fundraising over the same period, with receipts up 28% from 1988.

The three national committees of the Democratic party reported raising \$104 million and spending \$103 million. Their cash reserve at the end of the competitive 1991-92 election cycle was \$3 million; their debts, \$4 million. By comparison, Republican national committees raised \$192 million, spent \$187 million, had almost \$4 million cash-on-hand, but debts of \$14 million remain.

Democratic candidates received \$1.6 million in contributions from the national committees. In the general election, \$27 million was spent on behalf of Democratic nominees. Republican national committees contributed \$2.5 million to their candidates and spent \$33 million on their behalf in general election contests.

Individuals accounted for 73% of the Democrats' receipts, contributing almost \$76 million. The Republican national committees received 88% of their funds from individuals - almost \$170 million. Democrats relied more heavily on PAC contributions, receiving \$13 million (12%) versus the Republicans' PAC receipts of \$4 million, (or 2%).

In terms of soft money, the Republican Party raised and spent \$15 million more than the Democrats in 1991-92. Full disclosure of this money was required by the FEC beginning in 1991; therefore, comparable figures for prior election cycles are not available.

Republican non-federal accounts reported raising \$52 million, and spending \$50 million, compared to the Democrats raising \$37 million and spending \$35 million.

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As to how that money was spent, Republican non-federal accounts transferred \$10 million to state parties, contributed \$1.2 million to state and local candidates, and spent almost \$23 million on activities which had a joint federal and non-federal purpose. They spent an additional \$16 million in "other" expenditures, mostly related to "building funds".

Democratic non-federal accounts transferred \$9.5 million to state parties, contributed \$774,000 to state and local candidates, spent \$19 million in shared activities, and \$5 million on "other" ("building fund") expenses.

Tables on pages seven and eight identify transfers from the national committees' federal and non-federal accounts to each state.

Summary tables on pages three and four provide an overview of the financial activity of each of the three national committees for both major parties over five election cycles.

The FEC's final Report on 1991-92 financial activity of political party committees will be issued later this year.

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Activity of National Party Committees Through the End of the Election Year

	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88	1985-86	1983-84
<u>DNC Services</u>					
Receipts	\$65,790,724	\$14,483,089	\$52,295,783	\$17,235,406	\$46,626,873
Individuals	\$54,805,713	\$10,514,648	\$46,569,615	\$12,554,500	\$32,194,486
Non-Party	\$2,992,575	\$1,264,319	\$1,487,262	\$894,531	\$1,437,963
Disbursements	\$65,018,428	\$18,544,110	\$47,036,799	\$17,372,276	\$46,607,363
Cash-on-Hand	\$2,844,664	\$1,353,638	\$5,414,658	\$155,671	\$292,543
Debts By	\$450,018	\$967,982	\$163,110	\$2,140,743	\$2,011,244
Contributions	\$19,255	\$46,150	\$137,998	\$20,500	\$925,672
Coord. Expend.	\$11,368,560	\$117,427	\$8,107,044	\$343,348	\$2,665,184
<u>DSCC</u>					
Receipts	\$25,450,835	\$17,536,049	\$16,297,386	\$13,397,809	\$8,904,115
Individuals	\$15,808,257	\$11,487,985	\$11,208,812	\$8,875,626	\$5,240,840
Non-Party	\$4,701,190	\$4,238,636	\$3,019,504	\$1,624,349	\$1,779,116
Disbursements	\$25,494,157	\$17,573,560	\$16,289,589	\$13,533,142	\$8,713,726
Cash-on-Hand	\$5,878	\$49,199	\$86,709	\$78,911	\$214,246
Debts By	\$1,914,441	\$1,235,909	\$1,010,143	\$1,146,003	\$0
Contributions	\$745,000	\$431,893	\$429,682	\$583,305	\$420,185
Coord. Expend.	\$11,377,607	\$4,524,922	\$6,207,437	\$6,066,372	\$3,948,650
<u>DCCC</u>					
Receipts	\$12,815,844	\$9,088,467	\$12,469,354	\$12,322,969	\$10,391,548
Individuals	\$5,105,398	\$3,628,183	\$6,281,203	\$8,297,039	\$6,907,921
Non-Party	\$5,284,608	\$3,387,996	\$2,620,082	\$1,397,997	\$1,471,719
Disbursements	\$12,654,762	\$9,115,127	\$12,481,532	\$12,562,666	\$10,207,965
Cash-on-Hand	\$181,105	\$20,022	\$46,676	\$58,852	\$298,548
Debts By	\$2,069,008	\$2,100,490	\$2,117,760	\$865,911	\$298,563
Contributions	\$847,983	\$447,732	\$669,754	\$610,840	\$762,767
Coord. Expend.	\$4,231,002	\$2,877,283	\$2,425,603	\$1,545,376	\$1,124,047
<u>DEMOCRATS</u>					
Receipts	\$104,057,403	\$41,107,605	\$81,062,523	\$42,956,184	\$65,922,536
Individuals	\$75,719,368	\$25,630,816	\$64,059,630	\$29,727,165	\$44,343,247
Non-Party	\$12,978,373	\$8,890,951	\$7,126,848	\$3,916,877	\$4,688,798
Disbursements	\$103,167,347	\$45,232,797	\$75,807,920	\$43,468,084	\$65,529,054
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,031,647	\$1,422,859	\$5,548,043	\$293,434	\$805,337
Debts By	\$4,433,467	\$4,304,381	\$3,291,013	\$4,152,657	\$2,309,807
Contributions	\$1,612,238	\$925,775	\$1,237,434	\$1,214,645	\$2,108,624
Coord. Expend.	\$26,977,169	\$7,519,632	\$16,740,084	\$7,955,096	\$7,737,881

Note that Coordinated Expenditures are only made in General or Special Elections

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DSCC - Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
DCCC - Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

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Activity of National Party Committees Through the End of the Election Year

	1991-92	1989-90	1987-88	1985-86	1983-84
RNC					
Receipts	\$85,447,469	\$68,713,896	\$90,978,761	\$83,780,156	\$105,931,314
Individuals	\$78,821,547	\$58,924,487	\$85,187,635	\$76,866,531	\$99,877,524
Non-Party	\$845,636	\$550,699	\$1,009,050	\$352,152	\$668,431
Disbursements	\$81,919,094	\$70,425,931	\$89,893,536	\$83,679,251	\$104,573,373
Cash-on-Hand	\$2,256,421	\$527,005	\$2,328,072	\$1,240,845	\$1,666,721
Debts By	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions	\$825,445	\$255,578	\$325,440	\$350,427	\$848,794
Coord. Expend.	\$11,230,638	\$46,344	\$8,289,173	\$2,100	\$6,817,810
NRSC					
Receipts	\$72,309,085	\$65,063,462	\$65,896,691	\$84,438,546	\$81,655,723
Individuals	\$64,150,648	\$60,099,349	\$60,796,409	\$74,870,667	\$77,007,210
Non-Party	\$1,263,272	\$1,430,182	\$728,156	\$313,615	\$378,710
Disbursements	\$71,760,867	\$67,616,170	\$63,350,247	\$83,734,148	\$83,642,301
Cash-on-Hand	\$299,675	\$179,071	\$2,731,779	\$185,337	(\$437,850)
Debts By	\$6,397,295	\$2,759,297	\$135,668	\$5,416,431	\$414,623
Contributions	\$920,951	\$696,009	\$757,589	\$629,472	\$563,051
Coord. Expend.	\$16,477,217	\$7,684,154	\$10,250,538	\$9,959,330	\$6,732,151
NRCC					
Receipts	\$34,366,963	\$33,224,093	\$34,663,260	\$39,796,974	\$58,304,582
Individuals	\$26,828,540	\$27,985,841	\$31,786,022	\$34,303,461	\$52,266,054
Non-Party	\$1,701,019	\$1,154,435	\$747,150	\$352,926	\$243,055
Disbursements	\$33,514,250	\$34,362,238	\$33,714,320	\$40,830,736	\$61,729,942
Cash-on-Hand	\$1,036,106	\$151,417	\$1,189,556	\$275,612	\$1,759,369
Debts By	\$7,900,700	\$3,304,559	\$706,883	\$3,098,488	\$10,212
Contributions	\$728,690	\$951,667	\$1,571,107	\$1,655,250	\$2,581,579
Coord. Expend.	\$5,191,114	\$2,830,485	\$4,109,352	\$4,098,389	\$6,264,062
REPUBLICANS					
Receipts	\$192,123,517	\$167,001,451	\$191,538,712	\$208,015,676	\$245,891,619
Individuals	\$169,800,735	\$147,009,677	\$177,770,066	\$186,040,659	\$229,150,788
Non-Party	\$3,809,927	\$3,135,316	\$2,484,356	\$1,018,693	\$1,290,196
Disbursements	\$187,194,211	\$172,404,339	\$186,958,103	\$208,244,135	\$249,945,616
Cash-on-Hand	\$3,592,202	\$857,493	\$6,249,407	\$1,701,794	\$2,988,240
Debts By	\$14,297,995	\$6,113,856	\$842,551	\$8,514,919	\$424,835
Contributions	\$2,475,086	\$1,903,254	\$2,654,136	\$2,635,149	\$3,993,424
Coord. Expend.	\$32,898,969	\$10,560,983	\$22,649,063	\$14,059,819	\$19,814,023

Note that Coordinated Expenditures are only made in General or Special Elections

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 NRCC - National Republican Congressional Committee

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**1991-92 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1992**

<u>DNC</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
Non-federal General (Labor)	\$3,847,775	\$3,467,492	\$375,072
Non-federal Corporate	\$15,143,206	\$14,865,896	\$588,259
Non-federal Max Pac	\$426,050	\$360,486	\$65,819
Non-federal Individual	\$11,953,013	\$11,340,293	\$642,097
DNC Building Fund	\$161,550	\$71,508	\$89,497
DNC Non Fed. Dem. News Service	\$84,500	\$82,238	\$696
Subtotal	\$31,616,094	\$30,187,913	\$1,761,440
<u>DSCC</u>			
Building Fund	\$617,052	\$520,201	\$118,293
Subtotal	\$617,052	\$520,201	\$118,293
<u>DCCC</u>			
Non-federal #1	\$2,398,337	\$2,039,270	\$280,164
Non Federal #2	\$221,029	\$200,485	\$55,608
Non Federal #3	\$290,314	\$297,599	\$31,450
Non Federal #4	\$122,500	\$56,700	\$66,086
Non Federal #5	\$43,000	\$42,300	\$694
Non Federal #6	\$5,000	\$4,002	\$996
Building Fund #1	\$1,622,454	\$1,684,187	\$1,548
Building Fund #2	\$3,161	\$42,071	\$4,345
Subtotal	\$4,705,795	\$4,366,614	\$440,891
Total Democratic Non-federal	\$36,938,941	\$35,074,728	\$2,320,624

Note: Account names are as reported by the party.
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	Disbursements from Non-Federal Accounts			
	Trans to State Parties	Contrib to St/Local Can	Share of Joint Activity	Other
Dem Nat	\$9,495,328	\$212,091	\$17,997,293	\$2,483,201
Dem Sen	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$520,201
Dem Hse	\$34,550	\$561,649	\$1,893,455	\$1,876,960

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**1991-92 NON-FEDERAL ACCOUNTS
Of National Party Committees
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1992**

<u>RNC</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
Cmte to Preserve Eisenhower Center	\$2,687,824	\$2,575,445	\$145,695
Republican Nat State Election Cmte	\$33,469,431	\$33,017,693	\$840,575
Nat Rep Legislators Assoc	\$50,577	\$34,770	\$24,578

Subtotal \$36,207,832 \$35,627,908 \$1,010,848

<u>NRSC</u>			
Building Fund	\$5,617,091	\$5,568,920	\$60,446
Nonfederal Account	\$8,305,154	\$6,997,711	\$1,307,689

Subtotal \$9,222,245 \$7,866,631 \$1,368,135

*Note: These figures have been reduced by \$4.5 million which the Building fund borrowed from a bank in order to repay earlier loans.

\$200,000 was transferred from the nonfederal to the Building fund.
This has been excluded from subtotals for NRSC.

<u>NRCC</u>			
Nonfederal Account	\$6,281,040	\$6,440,082	
Information taken from detailed schedules.	Aggregation page not available.		

Subtotal \$6,281,040 \$6,440,082

Total Republican Non-federal \$51,711,117 \$49,934,621 \$2,378,983

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	<u>Disbursements from Non-Federal Accounts</u>			
	<u>Trans to State Parties</u>	<u>Contrib to St/Local Can</u>	<u>Share of Joint Activity</u>	<u>Other</u>
Rep Nat	\$5,338,595	\$1,249,000	\$19,792,098	\$9,248,215
Rep Sen	\$2,852,750	\$0	\$2,326,800	\$2,687,081
Rep Hse	\$1,732,150	n/a	\$673,776	\$4,034,156

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National Party Transfers to State/Local Party Committees
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1992

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	Federal		Non Federal		Total	Total
	RNC	DNC	RNC	DNC	RNC	DNC
ALABAMA	\$35,596	\$16,231	\$23,731	\$53,291	\$59,327	\$69,522
ALASKA	\$21,450	\$2,750	\$13,550	\$8,000	\$35,000	\$10,750
ARIZONA	\$129,100	\$61,372	\$68,400	\$52,215	\$197,500	\$113,587
ARKANSAS	\$0	\$179,300	\$11,500	\$231,537	\$11,500	\$410,837
CALIFORNIA	\$105,908	\$668,973	\$492,150	\$1,204,814	\$598,058	\$1,873,787
COLORADO	\$57,690	\$126,728	\$74,401	\$86,448	\$132,091	\$213,176
CONNECTICUT	\$203,525	\$46,557		\$132,281	\$203,525	\$178,838
DELAWARE	\$6,250	\$21,360	\$61,750	\$40,431	\$68,000	\$61,791
FLORIDA	\$201,519	\$32,633	\$222,432	\$116,896	\$423,951	\$149,529
GEORGIA	\$221,668	\$152,967	\$292,860	\$632,711	\$514,528	\$785,678
HAWAII	\$0	\$14,300		\$30,000	\$0	\$44,300
IDAHO	\$12,875	\$11,100	\$15,625	\$20,500	\$28,500	\$31,600
ILLINOIS	\$60,334	\$194,480	\$173,285	\$459,539	\$233,619	\$654,019
INDIANA	\$17,665	\$13,800	\$80,497	\$19,999	\$98,162	\$33,799
IOWA	\$69,231	\$42,637	\$136,921	\$171,790	\$206,152	\$214,427
KANSAS	\$0	\$14,016	\$15,000	\$12,778	\$15,000	\$26,794
KENTUCKY	\$58,089	\$32,000	\$51,059	\$106,000	\$109,148	\$138,000
LOUISIANA	\$90,533	\$60,631	\$30,177	\$373,914	\$120,710	\$434,545
MAINE	\$10,611	\$58,742	\$25,671	\$62,304	\$36,282	\$121,046
MARYLAND	\$19,000	\$84,526		\$83,300	\$19,000	\$167,826
MASSACHUSETTS	\$19,300	\$229,124			\$19,300	\$229,124
MICHIGAN	\$306,758	\$200,440	\$289,825	\$339,694	\$596,583	\$540,134
MINNESOTA	\$12,939	\$23,813	\$10,850	\$161,020	\$23,789	\$184,833
MISSISSIPPI	\$7,000	\$2,300	\$8,500	\$100,000	\$15,500	\$102,300
MISSOURI	\$81,853	\$127,536	\$207,487	\$332,387	\$289,340	\$459,923
MONTANA	\$11,153	\$16,386	\$54,221	\$107,371	\$65,374	\$123,757
NEBRASKA	\$0	\$6,600		\$14,500	\$0	\$21,100
NEVADA	\$17,645	\$14,683	\$49,366	\$36,101	\$67,011	\$50,784
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$55,977	\$26,400	\$7,500	\$84,800	\$63,477	\$111,200
NEW JERSEY	\$149,793	\$441,345	\$184,793	\$235,190	\$334,586	\$676,535
NEW MEXICO	\$11,745	\$45,240	\$22,627	\$84,922	\$34,372	\$130,162
NEW YORK	\$472,561	\$210,200		\$611,885	\$472,561	\$822,085
NORTH CAROLINA	\$42,479	\$114,952	\$325,452	\$582,633	\$367,931	\$697,585
NORTH DAKOTA	\$67,384	\$9,350	\$253,775	\$54,150	\$321,159	\$63,500
OHIO	\$128,209	\$231,969	\$968,891	\$268,674	\$1,097,100	\$500,643
OKLAHOMA	\$20,641	\$15,263	\$69,903		\$90,544	\$15,263
OREGON	\$0	\$90,941	\$20,000	\$170,048	\$20,000	\$260,989
PENNSYLVANIA	\$169,659	\$230,520	\$227,381	\$637,935	\$397,040	\$868,455
RHODE ISLAND	\$0	\$34,140	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$44,140
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$0	\$16,400	\$239,500	\$51,900	\$239,500	\$68,300
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$13,607	\$11,100	\$25,178	\$40,629	\$38,785	\$51,729
TENNESSEE	\$89,066	\$198,575	\$22,522	\$259,978	\$111,588	\$458,553
TEXAS	\$88,119	\$334,239	\$149,377	\$1,035,383	\$237,496	\$1,369,622
UTAH	\$494	\$5,800		\$8,000	\$494	\$13,800
VERMONT	\$12,696	\$34,410	\$101,833	\$43,420	\$114,529	\$77,830
VIRGINIA	\$116,825	\$2,306	\$12,000	\$25,235	\$128,825	\$27,541
WASHINGTON	\$5,275	\$93,832	\$256,725	\$81,241	\$262,000	\$175,073
WEST VIRGINIA	\$6,500	\$103,350			\$6,500	\$103,350
WISCONSIN	\$237,210	\$122,566	\$20,000	\$211,484	\$257,210	\$334,050
WYOMING	\$7,753	\$3,800	\$7,880	\$8,000	\$15,633	\$11,800
TOTAL	\$3,473,685	\$4,832,683	\$5,338,595	\$9,495,328	\$8,812,280	\$14,328,011

National Party Transfers to State Party Committees
January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1992
Senatorial Campaign Committees

	Federal		Non Federal		Total Rep Sen	Total Dem Sen
	Rep Sen	Dem Sen	Rep Sen	Dem Sen		
ALABAMA		\$20,000				
ARIZONA			\$30,000		\$30,000	\$0
COLORADO			\$225,000		\$225,000	\$0
GEORGIA	\$5,000	\$17,500	\$180,000		\$185,000	\$17,500
IDAHO	\$73,000		\$372,000		\$445,000	\$0
INDIANA	\$5,340		\$211,000		\$216,340	\$0
MISSOURI			\$125,000		\$125,000	\$0
MONTANA	\$9,000				\$9,000	\$0
NEVADA			\$25,103		\$25,103	\$0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$25,000				\$25,000	\$0
NORTH DAKOTA	\$15,000				\$15,000	\$0
OKLAHOMA	\$4,424				\$4,424	\$0
OREGON			\$96,500		\$96,500	\$0
PENNSYLVANIA	\$275,000				\$275,000	\$0
UTAH			\$100,000		\$100,000	\$0
WASHINGTON			\$115,000		\$115,000	\$0
WISCONSIN	\$75,000				\$75,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$486,764	\$17,500	\$1,479,603	\$0	\$1,966,367	\$17,500

House Campaign Committees

	Federal		Non Federal		Total Rep Hse	Total Dem Hse
	Rep Hse	Dem Hse	Rep Hse	Dem Hse		
ARKANSAS			\$80,000		\$80,000	\$0
CALIFORNIA		\$5,000				\$0
COLORADO	\$83,000		\$175,000	\$50	\$258,000	\$50
CONNECTICUT		\$10,000				\$0
DELAWARE			\$32,000		\$32,000	\$0
FLORIDA			\$200,000		\$200,000	\$0
GEORGIA	\$40,000	\$5,000	\$106,000		\$146,000	\$5,000
IDAHO			\$112,000		\$112,000	\$0
ILLINOIS		\$11,753	\$175,000	\$5,000	\$175,000	\$16,753
INDIANA			\$150,000		\$150,000	\$0
IOWA		\$20,000				\$0
KANSAS			\$5,000		\$5,000	\$0
KENTUCKY	\$5,000				\$5,000	\$0
LOUISIANA				\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
MARYLAND			\$30,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$10,000
MASSACHUSETTS		\$17,500			\$0	\$17,500
MICHIGAN		\$4,062	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$4,062
MINNESOTA				\$2,000		\$0
MISSISSIPPI	\$2,500				\$2,500	\$0
MONTANA				\$12,500	\$0	\$12,500
NEVADA			\$20,000		\$20,000	\$0
NEW HAMPSHIRE		\$16,400				\$0
NEW JERSEY			\$180,900			\$0
PENNSYLVANIA	\$12,826				\$12,826	\$0
OREGON			\$236,250		\$236,250	\$0
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$2,500				\$2,500	\$0
UTAH			\$25,000			\$0
VIRGINIA			\$85,000		\$85,000	\$0
WASHINGTON			\$70,000		\$70,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$145,826	\$89,715	\$1,732,150	\$34,550	\$1,672,076	\$70,865

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