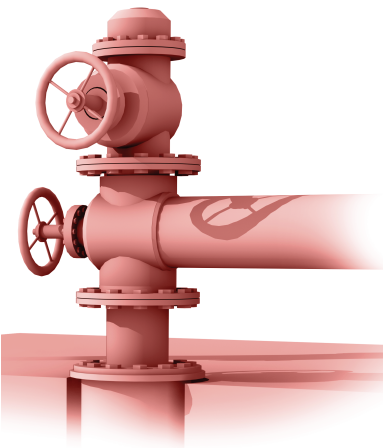


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## Energy Sector Spending on Political Candidates

The alternative energy industry has donated more money to political candidates this year than has coal mining, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. But both industries are dwarfed by contributions from the oil and gas industry and from electrical utilities. Republicans get most of the money distributed by fossil fuel industries, and this year GOP candidates have surpassed Democrats in alternative energy contributions, which are dominated by red-state wind power and biofuel companies.



### Donations to candidates

Includes contributions from individuals, political action committees and soft/outside money. Does not chart outside spending.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

Republican recipients  
Democratic recipients

Midterm elections

General elections

2018 data are as of Oct. 16

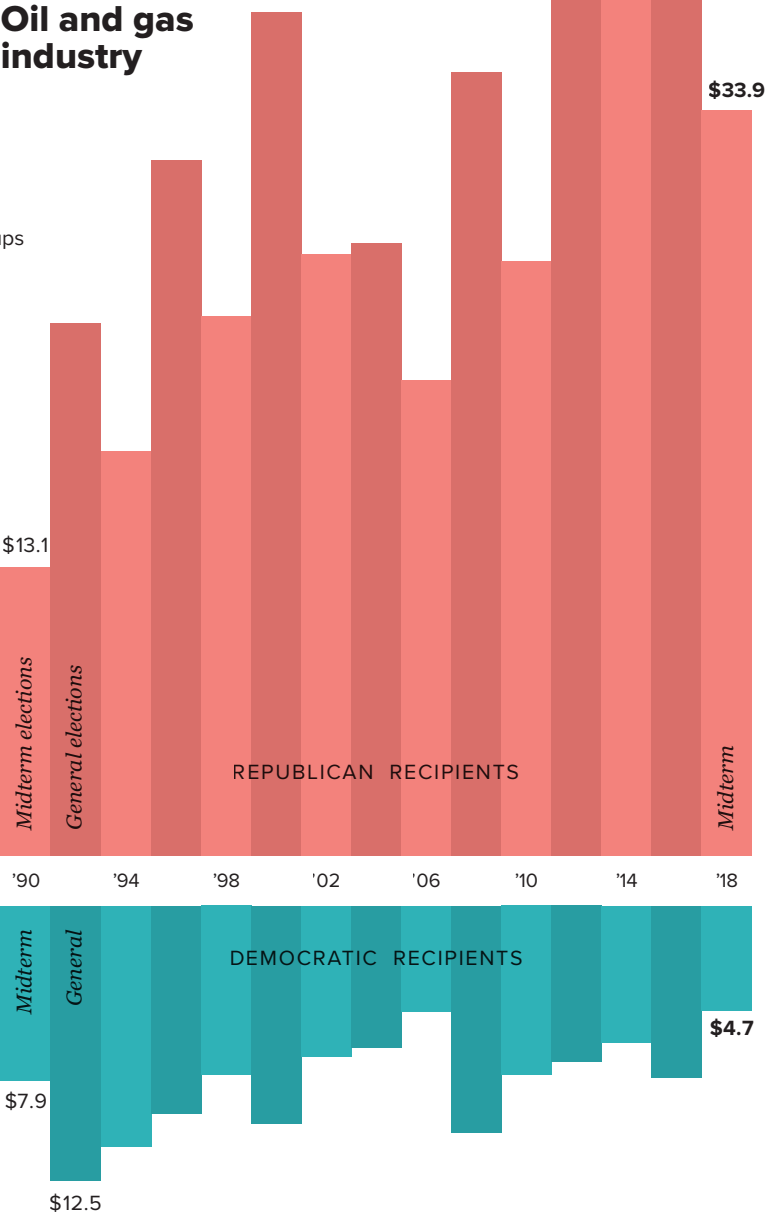
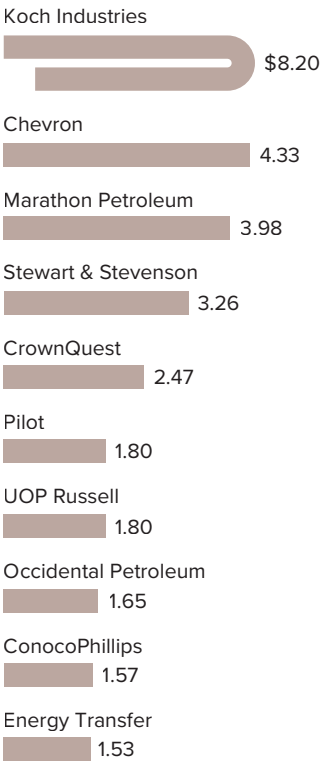
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OIL AND GAS

#### TOP 2018 ELECTION CYCLE CONTRIBUTORS

As of Oct. 16, in millions of dollars

To candidates, parties, outside spending groups

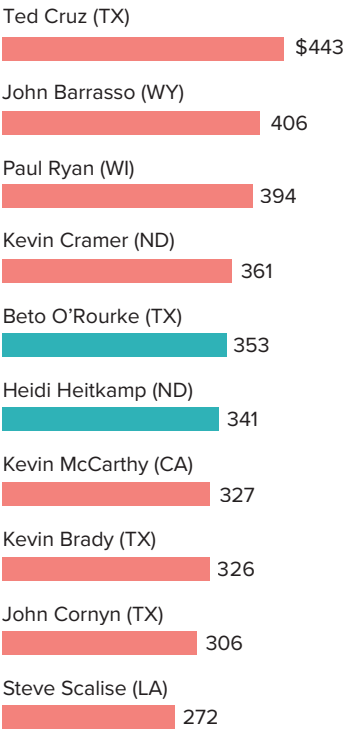


OIL AND GAS

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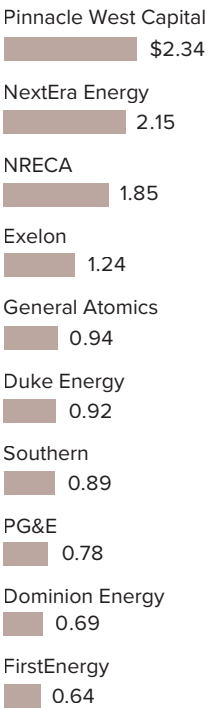
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Note: Total candidate contributions are from each industry only, and represent a partial amount of all donations received.

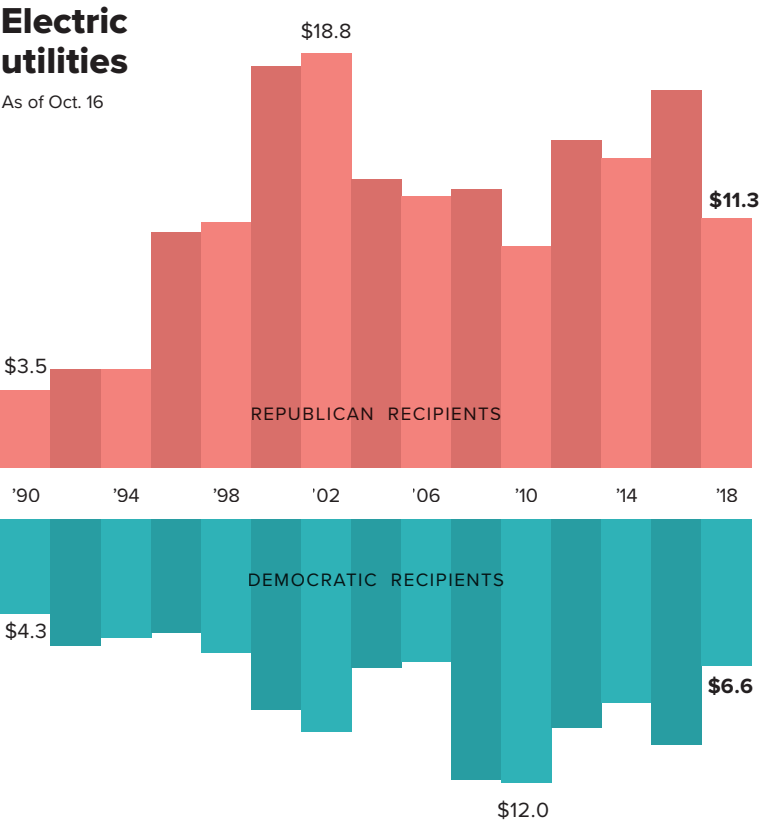
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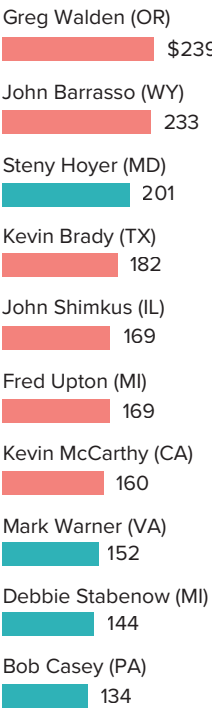
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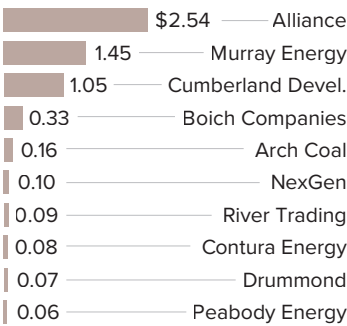
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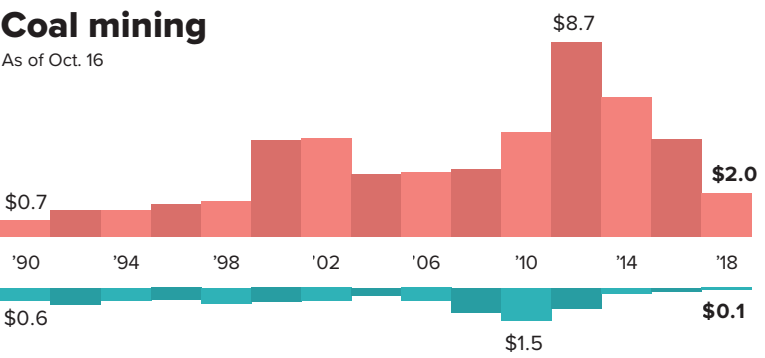
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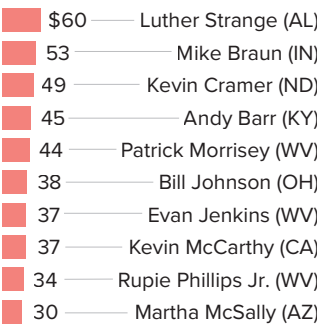
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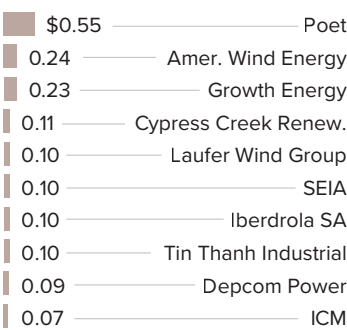
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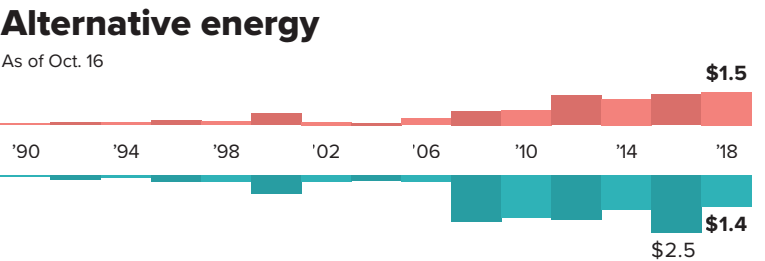
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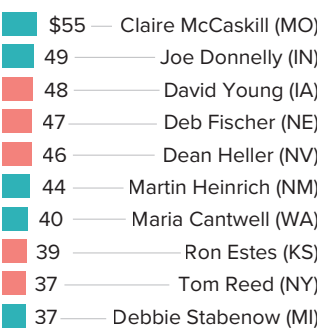
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