

Donor Disclosure

Watchdogs Compare **John McCain** and **Barack Obama**

Provides precise amounts the campaign credits to each bundler?	
<p>✗ NO. McCain places bundlers in tiers: \$50,000 to \$100,000, \$100,000-\$250,000, \$250,000-\$500,000 and \$500,000 and over. His bottom and top tier are new, added after our coalition requested more specificity.</p>	<p>✗ NO. Obama also places bundlers in tiers: \$50,000 to \$100,000, \$100,000-\$200,000 and \$200,000 and over. Obama has not created any tier above \$200,000.</p>
Bundler totals include contributions to joint committees, not just the campaign?	
<p>✓ YES. In addition to including money raised for his campaign, McCain includes a bundler's efforts for joint fundraising committees, which benefit both his campaign and the Republican party.</p>	<p>✗ NO. Obama has not indicated that his bundlers' totals include money raised for joint fundraising committees.</p>
Instructs the national party to disclose its bundlers and the amount each has raised directly for the national party?	
<p>✗ NO. There is no indication that McCain has asked the Republican National Committee to disclose this information. The campaign has not addressed this request from our coalition.</p>	<p>✗ NO. Obama's campaign has not responded to any of our coalition's requests.</p>
Discloses the name, city, state, employer and occupation of all bundlers?	
<p>✓ YES. McCain's website now displays all of this information. Prior to our letter, only name, city and state were available.</p>	<p>✗ NO. Obama recently began disclosing city and state, in addition to name, but employer and occupation information is still not available.</p>
Displays the campaign's bundler roster on the website and updates it monthly?	
<p>— SORT OF. McCain's donor list is accessible within two clicks from the home page of JohnMcCain.com – but users must know that the tiny "Donors" link in the page's footer takes you there. His campaign has promised to use its "best efforts" to update the page monthly.</p>	<p>— SORT OF. Finding the list on BarackObama.com is a chore – click on "Contact Us," go to the "Answer Center" and click through to Question #118: "Who are Senator Obama's bundlers?"</p>
Provides a count of small donors by ZIP code and foreign country, along with the total amount raised in each?	
<p>— SORT OF. McCain's website has a searchable database that his campaign says includes all of his donors, regardless of contribution size. (Only donors giving more than \$200 need to be disclosed to the Federal Election Commission.) It's now searchable by ZIP code and country (since Americans abroad may contribute). But there's no easy way to total the money from a particular area, which would be useful in comparing the demographics of his donors to the country at large.</p>	<p>✗ NO. Obama's campaign says he has more than 1.5 million donors, and that 90% of them haven't given enough to require disclosure of their names to the FEC. His campaign has yet to offer any way to review the demographics of these donors, despite Obama's assertion that his fundraising base represents a "parallel" public finance system.</p>