



Corporate Oil and Auto Insiders Fuel Trump Policies

Trump Administration Staffed with and Supported by Servants of Oil and Auto Industries

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May 23, 2018 – Trump has staffed energy and environmental agencies with servants of the auto and oil industries and held multiple in-person meetings with the industry’s most powerful CEOs. On the electoral front, the auto and oil industries spent more than ever during the 2016 elections, mostly to help elect Republicans. Of the administration’s policies, Kathleen Sgamma, president of Western Energy Alliance, an oil and gas industry group, has said, “Not in our wildest dreams, never did we expect to get everything.”¹

Auto and oil & gas industry ties to the Trump administration, by the numbers:

- 77: High-ranking positions filled with industry lobbyists, lawyers and former employees. (52 oil & gas, 15 auto, 10 both)
- 28: Auto industry executives and representatives who met with Trump.
- 8: Big Oil executives and representatives who met with Trump.
- \$126 million: Oil & gas industry lobbying spending in 2017.
- \$70 million: Auto industry lobbying spending in 2017.
- \$100.5 million: Oil & gas industry campaign contributions in 2016, more than the industry has ever spent.
- \$39.6 million: Auto industry campaign contributions in 2016, more than the industry has ever spent.
- Nearly \$7 million: Amount oil & gas industry contributed toward Trump’s inauguration.
- \$498,650 and \$250,000: Amounts General Motors and Ford contributed toward Trump’s inauguration.

Trump Administration Oil and Auto Conflicts

A review of Trump administration staff members found 77 high-ranking officials who have ties to the oil industry, the auto industry or both. The actual total is undoubtedly higher. The Public Citizen list includes cabinet officials, such as Energy Secretary Rick Perry (a former board member for oil and gas companies), EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (who as

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/20/business/energy-environment/devon-energy.html>

Oklahoma’s attorney general worked closely with the oil and gas industry to undermine EPA regulations)² and former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who for ten years prior was the CEO of ExxonMobil.³

The review found 52 administration staff members with oil and gas ties, 15 with auto industry ties and ten who have ties to both. Those with these industry ties are most concentrated in the EPA (12), Interior (10) and the White House (9).

Trump administration officials with oil and gas industry ties.

Name	Administration Title	Administration/Agency	Conflicts
Alexander Nicholas Fitzsimmons	Senior Advisor, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability	Energy	Director of Communications for Fueling U.S. Forward and director of policy for Institute for Energy Research, both Koch-funded groups
Andrew Kerwin Maloney	Assistant Secretary (Deputy Under Secretary) for Legislative Affairs	Treasury	Vice President of Hess Corporation
Chad Robert Mizelle	Counsel	Justice	Provided legal counsel to Koch Industries
Christopher A. Wray	Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation	Justice	Provided legal services to Chevron Corp
Daniel Fisher	Miscellaneous Clerk and Assistant	Interior	Lobbied for American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association, Associated Equipment Distributors, and Aeronautical Repair station Association on Taxes, aviation regulation, labor, and energy (Keystone pipeline) from 2009-2017
Daniel Simmons	Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary	Energy	Was VP for Policy at the Koch-funded Institute for Energy Research
David L. Bernhardt	Deputy Secretary of the Interior	Interior	Provided legal Services to Independent Petroleum Association of America, Noble Energy Company LLC and Statoil Gulf Services LLC (oil companies)
David Malpass	Under Secretary for International Affairs	Treasury	Provided global macro research for BP America Pension Fund
Dennis Lee Forsgren	Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water	Environmental Protection Agency	Was legal and policy advisor for HBW Resources, which staffed an advocacy group working on behalf of the Dakota Access Pipeline and offshore drilling projects
Doug Domenech	Assistant Secretary of the Interior Insular Areas, Department of the Interior	Interior	Was director of Fueling Freedom Project, Texas Public Policy Foundation
Eric S. Dreiband	Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division	Justice	As a lawyer with Jones Day, provided legal services to Citgo
Erik Baptist	Senior Deputy General Counsel	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal counsel to American Petroleum Institute
Evelyn Joan	Confidential Assistant,	Education	Was public policy coordinator for Koch

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/07/us/politics/energy-firms-in-secretive-alliance-with-attorneys-general.html>

³ The list of auto and oil and gas industry staffers includes 59 who are currently serving, nine who have served and departed the administration and nine who are awaiting Senate confirmation.

Stauffer	Office of Communications and Outreach		Industries
Francis Fannon	Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources	State	Lobbyist for Murphy Oil from 2007-2012 and BHP Billiton, an oil & gas company, from 2014-2017
George Fibbe	Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, Regulation & Enforcement	Energy	Was litigation team manager for BHP Billiton, an oil and gas company
Gregory Katsas	Deputy Counsel to the President	White House	Provided legal services to Chevron Corp
Irwin Steven Goldstein	Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy	State	Provide communications and management consulting services to BP Global Solutions
James Reilly	Director of the U.S. Geological Survey	Interior	A former astronaut who previously was an oil and gas exploration geologist with Enserch Exploration
Justin Clark	Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs	White House	At Davis, Clark & Bonafonte , provided legal services to Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
Kate Siobhan O'Scannlain	Solicitor	Labor	Was legal counsel for Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC
Kathleen Troia \K. T.\" McFarland"	Ambassador, Singapore and Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor	White House / State (failed nomination)	Received honoraria from American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers and Independent Oil & Gas Association of West Virginia
Kellyanne Conway	Counselor to the President	White House	Gave paid speech for Indiana Energy Association
Kevin J. McIntyre	Member	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Provided legal services to EDF Energy Services LLC and Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
Leila Getto	Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance	Interior	Worked for the Chamber's Global Energy Institute, which advocates for increased oil, natural gas, and coal production and consumption
Linda Capuano	Administrator of the Energy Information Administration	Energy	Former officer and vice president at Marathon Oil Corp., among other corporate executive and energy industry positions
Lowell Jacob Schiller	Senior Counselor to the Commissioner	Health and Human Services	Provided legal services to American Petroleum Institute as a client of Sidley Austin, LLP
Madeline Morris	Executive Scheduler for the Office of the Administrator	Environmental Protection Agency	Was federal affairs specialist for Koch Companies Public Sector
Marcella Burke	Deputy General Counsel	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal services to Diamondback Energy, Noble Energy and Sandridge Energy
Marshall Billingslea	Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing	Treasury	Chevron pays Deloitte for Consulting Services that I, and teams under my supervision, provide
Matthew Lloyd	Special Assistant	Health and Human Services	Was Koch Industries communications director - planned, executed and advised corporate executives and counsel on communications strategy
Matthew Sheehan	Counsel	Justice	Provided legal services to ExxonMobil
Megan Bloomgren	Communications Director	Interior	Was director fo the Institute for 21st Century Energy at the U.S. Chamber of

			Commerce, which advocates for offshore oil and gas drilling. Was a partner at DCI Group, whose clients include Exxon Mobil and Peabody Energy, and which has promoted climate change skepticism
Michael J. Catanzaro	Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Energy and Environmental Policy, National Economic Council	White House	Consulting/Lobbying for Koch Industries, Devon and Noble Energy
Pamela D. Pryor	Special Advisor to Transition, Office Of The Secretary	State	Represented Fueling US forward at a conference in FL. Provided emcee and attendance
Paul Dabbar	Under Secretary for Science	Energy	Provided advice to TransCanada Corp on purchasing or selling companies
Paul J. Ray	Counselor to the Secretary	Labor	Provided legal service to American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, ExxonMobil and Consumer Energy Alliance (an oil & gas industry group)
Peter Hoekstra	Ambassador, Netherlands	State	Consulting and lobbying for Core Energy through Hoekstra Global Strategies
Preston Beard	Advisor, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Interior	Was assistant to the president and PAC manager for Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association
Randall G. Schriver	Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs	Defense	Provided consulting services for AI to Mitsubishi Corporation
Rex W. Tillerson	Secretary of State	State	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer for ExxonMobil Corporation
Richard Goeken	Deputy solicitor for parks and wildlife	Interior	Represented industry coalition defending tree removal, oil and gas firms, holders of water rights on public lands
Richard William Beckler	General Counsel	General Services Administration	Provided legal services to Conoco Philips and Halliburton
Rick Perry	Secretary of Energy	Energy	Was a board member for Energy Transfer Partners and Sunoco Logistics Partners
Samantha Dravis	Associate Administrator, EPA's Office of Policy (resigned)	Environmental Protection Agency	Was president and provided legal services for Rule of Law Defense Fund, a group partly funded by the Koch brothers that coordinated efforts by energy companies and Republican attorneys general to challenge Obama-era environmental rules. Also was counsel to Freedom Partners
Scott Anthony Angelle	Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Interior	Performed board member services for and received dividends from Sunoco
Scott Pruitt	Administrator	Environmental Protection Agency	As Oklahoma Attorney General, coordinated with oil and gas industry on efforts to roll back environmental protections
Scott Stewart	Counsel	Justice	Performed legal services for BP
Stephen John Cox	Deputy Associate Attorney General	Justice	Was corporate counsel for Apache Corporation, an oil and gas company
Todd Wynn	Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs	Interior	Former head of energy, environment at American Legislative Exchange Council

Travis Scott Fisher	Assistant to the Secretary, Office Of The Secretary	Energy	Economist for Institute for Energy Research, an oil & gas industry-backed group
Troy Lyons	Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations	Environmental Protection Agency	Former director of communications and external affairs for BP America and manager of government affairs and HessPAC for Hess Corporation. Lobbied for BP 2012-2015 and Hess 2015-2017
William L. Wehrum	Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal services for Koch Industries, American Petroleum Institute and American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers

Source: ProPublica⁴ and Center for American Progress⁵

Trump administration officials with auto industry ties.

Name	Administration Title	Administration/Agency	Conflicts
Dana Baiocco	Commissioner	Consumer Product Safety Commission	Provided legal services to Volkswagen
Dana White	Special Assistant	Defense	Worked in communications with Nissan North American INC
David Christian Tryon	Chief Counsel for Advocacy	Small Business Administration	Provided litigation services for Ohio Auto Loan Services, LLC
David Harlow	Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal advice and services to Chevron
Emma Doyle	Senior Advisor	White House Office of Management and Budget	Lobbied for Ford Motor Company from 2014 to 2016
Jay Clayton	Chairman	Securities and Exchange Commission	Provided legal services to Volkswagen while at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Jeff Rosen	Deputy Secretary	Transportation	Represented General Motors, Hyundai and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce though work at firm Kirkland & Ellis
Jeffrey Gerrish	Deputy U.S. Trade Representative	U.S. Trade Representative	Provided legal services to Daimler AG
Jim Carroll	Deputy Director	White House Office of National Drug Control Policy	Washington counsel/attorney for Ford Motor Company, for more than 10 years. Also an official in the GW Bush administration
Kristan King Nevins	Deputy Assistant to the President, Chief of Staff to Karen Pence	Office of the Vice President	Provided general advising on national security topics (client of SBD Advisors) to General Motors
Marianne McInerney	Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs	Transportation	Was president of American International Automobile Dealers (a trade group representing car dealers) and former executive at hybrid and electric car companies
Matthew Z. Leopold	General Counsel	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal services to Ford Motor Company
Sally Donnelly	Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense	Defense	Consulting for General Motors
Timothy James Petty	Senior Counsel	Housing and Urban Development	Performed legal services for Daimler AG while a client of Gibbons P.C.

⁴ <https://projects.propublica.org/trump-town/>

⁵ <https://dirtydeputies.org/>

William J. Emanuel	Board Member	Labor (National Labor Relations Board)	Provided legal services for Nissan North America
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Source: ProPublica⁶ and Center for American Progress⁷

Trump administration officials with ties to both the oil and gas and auto industries.

Name	Administration Title	Administration/Agency	Conflicts
Brent James McIntosh	General Counsel	Treasury	As a lawyer for Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, provided legal services to BP and Volkswagen
Brian Allen Benczkowski	Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division	Justice	As a partner with Kirkland & Ellis, provided legal services to BP and Volkswagen
David Fotouhi	Deputy General Counsel	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal Services to Daimler AG and Tesoro Corporation (now Andreavor, a petroleum company)
David Richard Dorey	Counsel	Labor	As counsel with O'Melveny & Myers LLP, provided legal services to Exxon-Mobil and Ford Motor Company
Heath P. Tarbert	Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development	Treasury	Provided legal services to ExxonMobil Iraq Services and General Motors
Jeffrey Bossert Clark	Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division	Justice	At Kirkland & Ellis LLP, provided legal services to BP America, Volkswagen Group of America, General Motors and Mitsubishi Motors
John Eisenberg	Deputy Assistant to the President, NSC Legal Advisor, and Deputy Counsel to the President for National Security Affairs, National Security Council	White House	At Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, provided legal services to BP America and General Motors
Jon Huntsman Jr.	Ambassador, Russia	State	Serve as a board member for Chevron and Ford Motor Company
Lance Leggitt	Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy	White House	As a lobbyist, represented BP America and General Motors, as well as other corporations including Abbott Laboratories, Boeing, and Honeywell
Patrick Traylor	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance	Environmental Protection Agency	Provided legal services to American Petroleum Institute, Koch Minerals and Daimler Trucks North America

Source: ProPublica⁸ and Center for American Progress⁹

Trump's Oil and Auto Connections

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Trump met in person with groups of corporate executives representing influential industries during the first year of his presidency. These meetings, which the administration publicized, came to an abrupt halt after President Trump refused to hold neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups accountable when an anti-racist demonstrator was killed during protests in Charlottesville, Va. The more than 300 in-person meetings between Trump and corporate executives were more than triple the number of executives with whom President Obama met during his first seven years in office (the time period for which data is available).¹⁰

Big Oil and Auto executives are well represented among those who met with Trump. A review of Politico’s Unofficial White House visitor logs database¹¹ reveals Trump has met with at least eight oil company executives and industry representatives and 28 auto industry executives and representatives.

Oil company executives and representatives who met with President Trump.

Corporation	Executive	Title	Meeting Dates
American Petroleum Institute	Jack Gerard	President/CEO	6/29/17, 10/31/17
Chevron	John Watson	CEO	6/29/2017
ConocoPhillips	Ryan Lance	Chairman/CEO	6/29/2017
ExxonMobil	Darren Woods	President/CEO	6/29/2017
Koch Industries	David Koch	EVP	4/8/2017
Koch Industries	Jeremy Kroll	CEO	4/4/2017
Total S.A.	Patrick Pouyanne	CEO	1/25/2018
TransCanada	Russ Girling	President/CEO	3/24/2017

Source: Politico¹²

General Motors representatives had more face time with President Trump than any other executive. CEO Mary Barra, a member of Trump’s business advisory councils¹³ until they were disbanded, met with the president five times, and another executive and a board member each met with the president once. Ford CEOs and former CEOs (Jim Hackett, Mark Fields and Alan Mulally) collectively met with Trump five times. Most recently, twelve auto company CEOs and industry representatives met with Trump on May 11, 2018, to discuss rolling back fuel efficiency standards.¹⁴

¹⁰ <https://www.citizenvox.org/2017/08/24/charlottesville-300-corporate-executives-cozying-president-trump/>

¹¹ <https://www.politico.com/interactives/databases/trump-white-house-visitor-logs-and-records/index.html>

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¹³ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/gms-barra-in-tight-spot-among-executives-on-presidents-advisory-panels-1502841112>

¹⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-roundtable-automaker-ceos/>

Auto industry executives and representatives who met with President Trump.

Corporation/Group	Executive	Title	Meeting Date
American Automotive Policy Council	Matt Blunt	President	1/24/2017
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers	Mitch Bainwol	President/CEO	5/11/2018
Association of Global Automakers	John Bozzell	President/CEO	5/11/2018
BMW Group	Harald Kruger	CEO/Chairman	3/17/2017
BMW	Bernhard Kuhnt	CEO (North American)	5/11/2018
Fiat Chrysler	Roger Karr	Head of external affairs	1/24/2017
Fiat Chrysler	Sergio Marchionne	CEO	1/24/2017, 3/15/17, 5/11/18
Ford Motor Company	Jim Hackett	President/CEO	5/11/2018
Ford Motor Company	Mark Fields	President/CEO (former)	1/23/17, 1/24/17, 2/23/17
Ford Motor Company	Alan Mulally	Former CEO	12/8/2016
General Motors	Mary Barra	Chairman/CEO	1/24/17, 2/3/17, 3/15/17, 4/11/17, 5/11/18
General Motors	Craig Glidden	EVP & General Counsel	1/24/2017
General Motors	Carol Stephenson	Board Member	2/13/2017
Harley-Davidson	Mike Levatich	CEO	2/2/17, 6/14/17
Honda North America	Rick Schostek	EVP	3/15/2017, 5/11/2018
Hyundai Motor America	Brian Smith	COO	5/11/2018
Hyundai Motor Company	Jerry Flannery	Interim President and CEO	3/15/2017
Kia Motors	Michael Sprague	COO and EVP	3/15/2017
Mercedes-Benz USA	Dietmar Exler	CEO	3/15/2017, 5/11/18
Mitsubishi Corporation	Jason Stevens	President/CEO	4/4/2017
Nissan Motor Company	Jose Munoz	Chief Performance Officer	3/15/2017
Nissan North America	Scott Becker	Senior VP of administration	5/11/2018
Toyota North America	James Lentz	CEO	3/15/2017
Toyota North America	Bob Carter	EVP of sales	5/11/2018
Volkswagen	Hinrich Weebcken	CEO (North American region)	5/11/2018
Volkswagen	David Geanacopoulos	Senior EVP for Public Affairs and Public Policy	3/15/2017
Volvo	Lex Kressemakers	CEO	3/15/2017
Volvo	Martin Lundstedt	CEO	1/25/2018

Source: Politico¹⁵ and White House press release¹⁶

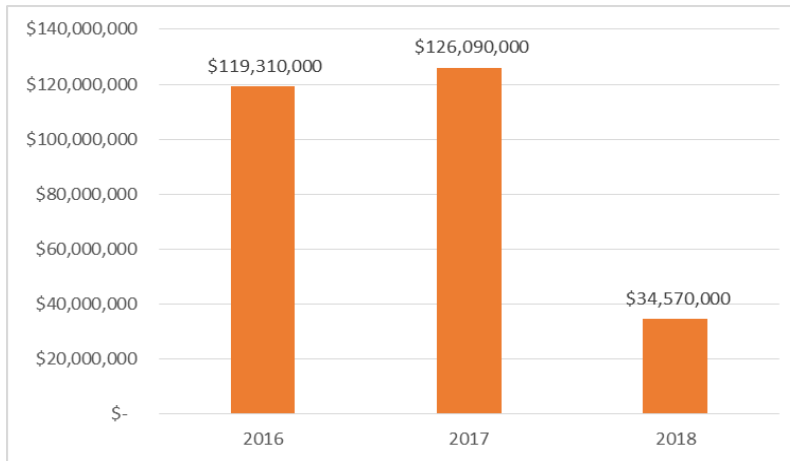
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¹⁶ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-roundtable-automaker-ceos/>

Trump's Oil and Autos Lobbyist Swamp

In 2017, with the Trump administration and new Congress in power, oil and gas industry lobbying spending ticked up to \$126 million. So far in 2018, the industry has reported spending more than \$34.5 million. (The industry's record year was 2009, when it spent more than \$174 million on lobbying, including to oppose comprehensive climate change legislation.)¹⁷ These totals do not include the vast sums spent by the Koch Brothers and their affiliated companies and organizations on policy advocacy that does not meet the technical definition of lobbying.

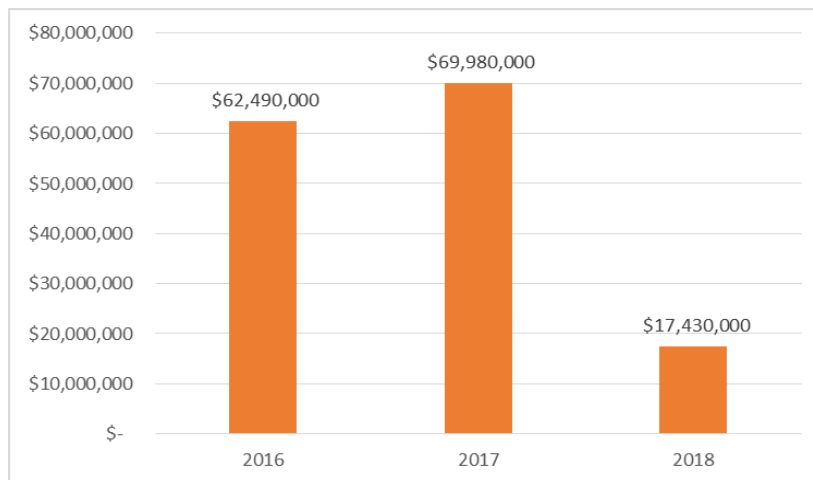
Oil and gas industry lobbying spending, by year.



Source: OpenSecrets.org

The auto industry also has increased its lobbying spending. In 2017, it spent nearly \$70 million on lobbying.

Auto industry lobbying spending, by year.



Source: OpenSecrets.org

¹⁷ <https://www.opensecrets.org/industries/lobbying.php?cycle=2018&ind=E01>

This nearly matches the industry’s spending in 2007, when it spent \$70.8 million on lobbying.¹⁸ So far in 2018, the industry has reported spending more than \$17.4 million.

In 2017, the 10 largest oil and gas lobbying spenders spent \$68.7 million, 55 percent of the \$126 million total.

Largest 10 oil industry lobbying spenders in 2017.

Client/Parent	Total
Exxon Mobil	\$11,390,000
Koch Industries	\$9,500,000
Chevron Corp	\$9,290,000
American Petroleum Institute	\$8,480,000
Royal Dutch Shell	\$7,920,000
BP	\$5,980,000
Occidental Petroleum	\$5,823,652
Phillips 66	\$3,620,000
American Fuel & Petrochem Manufacturers	\$3,449,429
Marathon Petroleum	\$3,270,000
TOTAL	\$68,723,081

Source: OpenSecrets.org

In 2017, the 10 largest auto industry lobbying spenders spent \$47.2 million, 67 percent of the \$69.9 million total.

Largest 10 auto industry lobbying spenders in 2017.

Client/Parent	Total
General Motors	\$8,640,000
Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers	\$8,100,000
Toyota Motor Corp	\$5,809,000
National Auto Dealers Assn	\$4,769,000
Ford Motor Co	\$4,295,718
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles	\$4,270,000
Association of Global Automakers	\$3,523,759
Honda Motor Co	\$3,265,330
Nissan North America	\$2,950,000
Daimler AG	\$1,590,000
TOTAL	\$47,212,807

Source: OpenSecrets.org

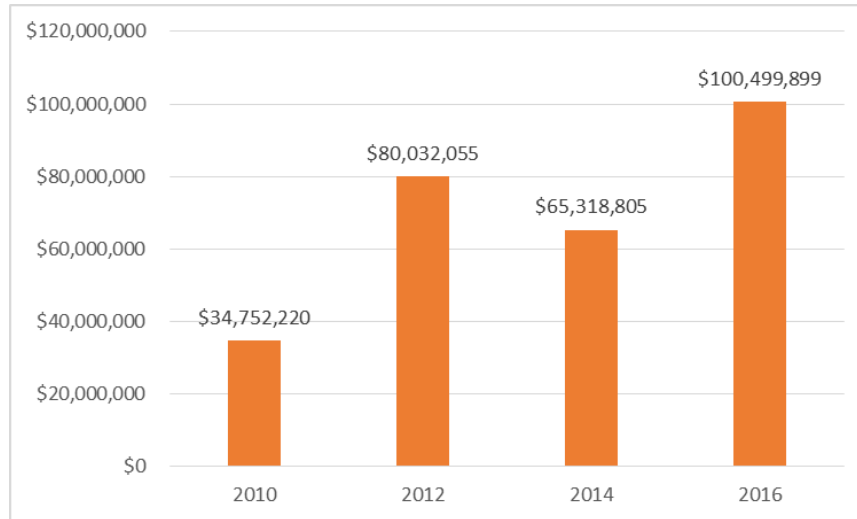
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Trump's Big Oil and Auto Industry Contributions

The oil and gas and auto industries spend millions to influence elections.

In 2016, the oil and gas industry contributed more than \$39.4 million to help elect or defeat lawmakers, more than it had ever spent before. In the 2018 election cycle, the industry so far has spent more than \$13.8 million.

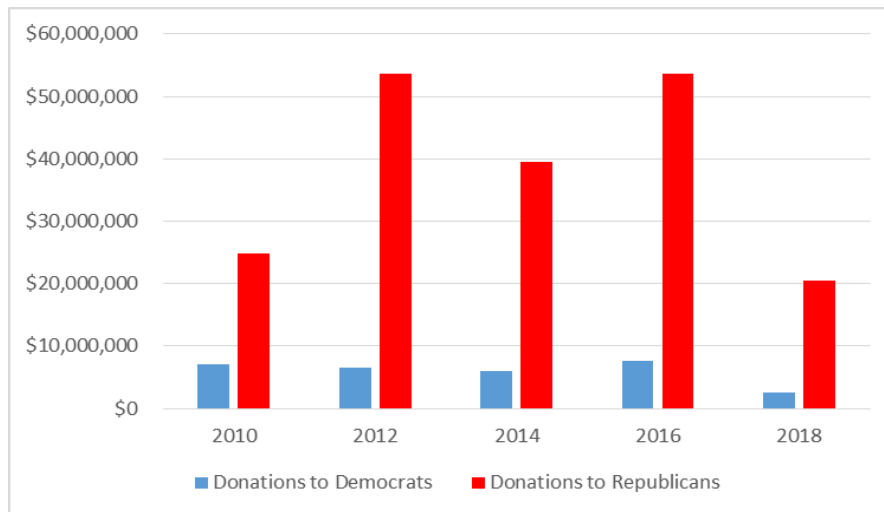
Oil & gas industry campaign spending by election cycle, 2010 through 2016.



Source: OpenSecrets.org

The oil and industry's spending heavily favors Republicans. Spending so far in the 2018 cycle continues this trend.

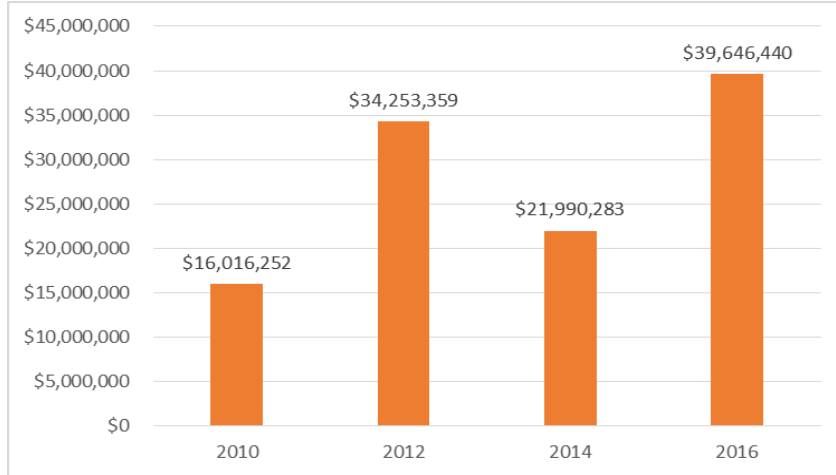
Oil & gas industry political spending by election cycle, split by party, 2010 through April 2018.



Source: OpenSecrets.org

In 2016, the auto industry contributed more than \$11.5 million to help elect or defeat lawmakers – also more than it had ever spent before. In the 2018 election cycle, the industry so far has spent more than \$6.6 million.

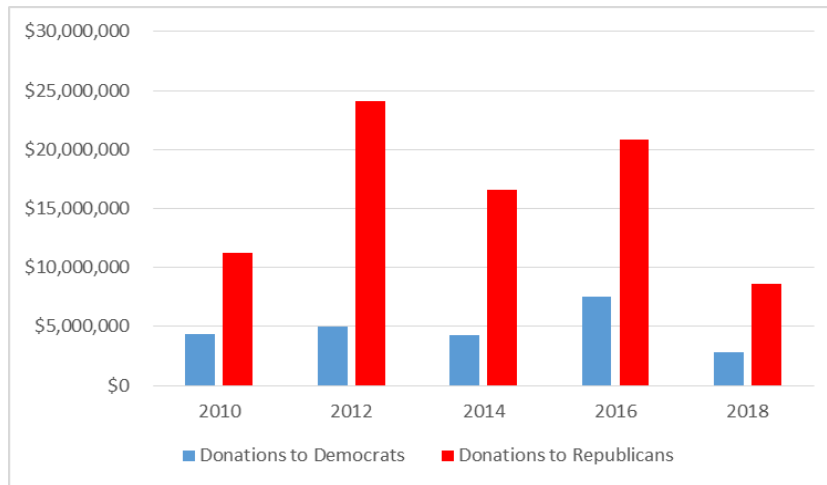
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Source: OpenSecrets.org

In addition to campaign contributions, the oil and gas sector also made substantial contributions toward Trump's inauguration: 36 contributors gave \$6,991,200, including \$525,000 from Chevron, \$500,000 from ExxonMobil and \$500,000 from BP.¹⁹

Auto companies also wrote large checks for the Trump inaugural. General Motors gave \$498,650 and Ford gave \$250,000.²⁰

¹⁹ <https://www.opensecrets.org/trump/contractor-contributions>

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