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FEC REPORTS DEMOCRATS NARROWED THE FINANCIAL GAP IN 1984 PARTY ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party raised and spent more than \$3 for every \$1 raised and spent by the Democratic Party, according to 1983-84 election cycle figures released today by the Federal Election Commission. This is a narrowing of the gap from the 1981-82 election cycle, when the GOP held a more than 5-1 financial margin over the Democrats.

From January 1, 1983, through December 31, 1984, the Republican Party raised \$300.2 million and spent \$303.2 million, an increase of approximately 40% over 1982 levels. They had begun the cycle with \$7.5 million cash-on-hand.

The Democrats, beginning with only \$1.4 million cash-on-hand, raised \$96.7 million and spent \$97.2 million. This was an increase of 148% in receipts over 1982, and an increase of 143% in spending for the same period.

FEC records show that both parties managed to end the cycle with fewer debts than in the 1982 elections: Republicans had debts of \$2 million, with cash-on-hand of \$4.9 million as of December 31, 1984; Democrats had debts totalling \$3 million, with \$2.4 million cash-on-hand. In late December 1982, those figures were: Republicans - \$5.3 million debt, \$7.5 million cash-on-hand; Democrats - \$4.1 million debt, \$1.4 million cash-on-hand.

Contributions made directly to House and Senate candidates' campaigns by the Democratic Party increased only slightly in 1984 over 1982 (\$1.8 million compared to \$1.7 million.) However, expenditures by the party on behalf of its candidates in the general election continued the dramatic rise begun by the party in the '82 elections. The Democrats spent \$4.4 million on behalf of Senate campaigns in the fall of 1984, an increase of 83% over 1982 levels. The \$1.8 million spent for House candidates in 1984 was a 129% increase over 1982.

The Republican Party, while spending twice as much as the Democrats on its general election candidates, actually spent 29% less on Senate campaigns in 1984 than it did in 1982 (\$6.8 million compared to \$8.7 million), and only increased by 14% its spending on House races (\$6.3 million compared to \$5.5 million.) In 1982, the Republican Party spent four-and-one-half times as much money on general election candidates as did the Democrats. GOP contributions to candidates in the 1984 elections also dropped by 15%, totalling \$4.9 million compared to \$5.6 million contributed in 1982.

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Below are tables listing political party activity for the past four election cycles. The charts on the following pages provide greater detail on the sources of receipts for both parties and the amounts contributed to candidates or spent on their behalf.

	<u>REPUBLICANS</u>				<u>DEMOCRATS</u>			
	1983-84	1981-82	1979-80	1977-78	1983-84	1981-82	1979-80	1977-78
Raised	\$300.2	\$215.0	\$169.5	\$84.5	\$96.8	\$39.3	\$37.2	\$26.4
Spent	\$303.2	\$214.0	\$161.8	\$85.9	\$97.2	\$40.1	\$35.0	\$26.9
Contributed	\$ 4.9	\$ 5.6	\$ 4.5	\$ 4.5	\$ 2.6	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.8
Coord. Exp.	\$ 20.0	\$ 14.3	\$ 12.4	\$ 4.3	\$ 8.9	\$ 3.3	\$ 4.9	\$.4

The full FEC Reports on Financial Activity, Interim Report No. 10: Party and Non-Party Political Committees is a four-volume set. Volumes may be purchased from the Commission's Office of Public Records, 1325 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463. Telephone: (202) 523-4181, or toll free (800) 424-9530. The cost is \$15 per volume. Questions concerning the material contained in the Report should be directed to the Commission's Press Office at (202) 523-4065 or toll free (800) 424-9530.

A Final Report for the 1983-84 campaign cycle will be published later this year.

MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 1983-84

Committee ^{1/}	# Cmte	Total		Net		Latest ^{2/} Cash-on-Hand	Owed to	Debts		PNC Contributions	Total Individual Contributions
		Receipts (as reported)	Net Receipts (minus Transfers)	Disbursements (as reported)	Net Disbursements (minus Transfers)			Owed by	Contributions		
DNC Services Corp.	1	\$ 46,626,873	\$ 46,626,873	\$ 46,610,348	\$ 46,607,363	\$ 292,543	0	\$ 2,011,244	\$ 1,437,963	\$ 332,194,486	
Dem. Sen. Camp. Cmte.	1	\$ 8,904,115	\$ 8,904,115	\$ 8,713,726	\$ 8,713,726	\$ 214,246	0	0	\$ 1,770,116	\$ 5,240,840	
Dem. Cong. Camp. Cmte	1	\$ 10,391,548	\$ 10,391,548	\$ 10,207,965	\$ 10,207,965	\$ 298,548	0	\$ 298,563	\$ 1,471,719	\$ 6,907,921	
Assoc. State Chair.	1	\$ 5,784,149	\$ 5,784,149	\$ 5,606,645	\$ 5,606,645	\$ 758,004	0	0	0	\$ 5,760,986	
Subtotal	4	\$ 71,706,685	\$ 71,706,685	\$ 71,145,817	\$ 71,139,852	\$ 1,563,341	0	\$ 2,309,807	\$ 4,679,798	\$ 50,104,233	
Pres. Convention	1	\$ 8,257,439	\$ 8,257,439	\$ 8,146,319	\$ 8,146,319	\$ 111,120	0	0	0	\$ 639,068	
State & Local	83	\$ 18,371,923	\$ 16,794,694	\$ 18,041,210	\$ 17,956,833	\$ 764,906	22,428	\$ 646,954	\$ 1,767,572	\$ 7,431,757	
Grand Total	88	\$ 98,336,047	\$ 96,758,818	\$ 97,333,346	\$ 97,242,833	\$ 2,439,367	22,428	\$ 2,956,761	\$ 6,447,370	\$ 58,175,058	

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		Receipts (as reported)	Net Receipts (minus Transfers)	Disbursements (as reported)	Net Disbursements (minus Transfers)			Owed by	Contributions		
Rep. Nat'l Cmte	2	\$205,738,362	\$105,931,314	\$204,380,419	\$104,573,373	\$ 1,666,721	\$ 81,113	\$ 0	\$ 663,431	\$ 99,877,524	
Nat'l Rep. Sen. Cmte	2	\$165,203,755	\$ 81,655,723	\$166,982,611	\$ 83,642,301	\$ -437,850	\$ 83,225	\$ 414,623	\$ 378,710	\$ 77,007,210	
Nat'l Rep. Cong. Cmte	2	\$117,984,582	\$ 58,304,582	\$121,259,942	\$ 61,729,942	\$ 1,759,369	0	\$ 10,212	\$ 239,955	\$ 52,266,054	
Other Nat'l Cmtes	1	\$ 220,627	\$ 220,627	\$ 218,130	\$ 218,130	\$ 2,501	\$ 500	\$ 62,632	\$ 200	\$ 161,862	
Subtotal ^{3/}	7	\$489,147,326	\$246,112,246	\$492,841,102	\$250,163,746	\$ 2,990,741	\$ 164,838	\$ 487,467	\$ 1,282,296	\$ 229,312,650	
Pres. Convention	2	\$ 8,672,623	\$ 8,672,623	\$ 8,692,100	\$ 8,692,100	\$ 10,672	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
State & Local	125	\$ 46,586,042	\$ 45,387,765	\$ 45,599,003	\$ 44,315,675	\$ 1,945,979	\$ 58,365	\$ 1,556,155	\$ 441,313	\$ 34,448,244	
Grand Total	134	\$544,405,991	\$300,172,634	\$547,132,205	\$303,171,521	\$ 4,947,392	\$ 223,203	\$ 2,043,622	\$ 1,723,609	\$ 263,760,854	

^{1/} Categories of committees listed here differ from those in FRC Reports on Financial Activity, 1983-84, Interim Report No. 10: Party and Non-Party Political Committees.

^{2/} Latest cash-on-hand is as of December 31, 1984, unless committee ceased reporting earlier in the election cycle or has not yet filed all reports.

^{3/} Total receipt and disbursement figures (as well as net receipt and disbursement figures) for national level committees include payments they received from the sale of goods and services to candidates' campaigns, which were reported as offsets.

MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 1983-84
(January 1, 1983 - December 31, 1984)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES

EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATIC PARTY					REPUBLICAN PARTY				
COMMITTEE 1/	TOTAL	PRESIDENTIAL	SENATE	HOUSE	COMMITTEE 1/	TOTAL	PRESIDENTIAL	SENATE	HOUSE
DNC SERVICES CORP.	\$ 925,672*	\$ 820,922*	\$ 0	\$ 104,750	RNC	\$ 848,794	\$ 0	\$ 4,500	\$ 844,294
DEM. SEN. CAMP. CMTE.	\$ 420,185	\$ 0	\$ 420,035	\$ 150	NAT'L REP. SEN. CMTE	\$ 563,051	\$ 422	\$ 562,629	\$ 0
DEM. CONG. CAMP. CMTE.	\$ 762,767	\$ 0	\$ 1,695	\$ 761,072	NAT'L REP. CONG. CMTE	\$ 2,581,529	\$ 0	\$ 33	\$ 2,581,496
ASSOC. STATE CHAIR.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	OTHER NAT'L CMTEES.	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,108,624*	\$ 820,922*	\$ 421,730	\$ 865,972	SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,993,374	\$ 422	\$ 567,346	\$ 3,425,606
PRES. CONVENTION	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	PRES. CONVENTION	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
STATE & LOCAL	\$ 504,933	\$ 8,376	\$ 52,758	\$ 443,799	STATE & LOCAL	\$ 883,535	\$ 4,586	\$ 102,071	\$ 776,878
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,613,557*	\$ 829,298*	\$ 474,488	\$ 1,309,771	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 4,876,909	\$ 5,008	\$ 669,417	\$ 4,202,484
CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES					EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES				
	TOTAL	PRESIDENTIAL	SENATE	HOUSE		TOTAL	PRESIDENTIAL	SENATE	HOUSE
	\$ 2,665,184	\$ 2,659,678	\$ 506	\$ 5,000		\$ 6,817,810	\$ 6,811,061	\$ 0	\$ 6,749
	\$ 3,948,650	\$ 0	\$ 3,948,650	\$ 0		\$ 6,732,151	\$ 0	\$ 6,732,151	\$ 0
	\$ 1,124,047	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,124,047		\$ 6,264,063	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,264,063
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 7,737,881	\$ 2,659,678	\$ 3,949,156	\$ 1,129,047		\$ 19,814,024	\$ 6,811,061	\$ 6,732,151	\$ 6,270,812
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 1,214,096	\$ 72,303	\$ 455,741	\$ 686,052		\$ 178,188	\$ 120,406	\$ 30,283	\$ 27,499
	\$ 8,951,977	\$ 2,731,901	\$ 4,404,097	\$ 1,815,099		\$ 19,992,212	\$ 6,931,467	\$ 6,762,434	\$ 6,298,311

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* \$820,922 represents proceeds from jointfundraising activity for various presidential campaigns.