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The political campaigns are warming up and the interest in campaign finance reform being spoken on every political news show. To get the scoop on campaign financing, this site is great. While some aspects of the site are by subscription, most of the data is free. As one enters this site, the first thing that will catch the eye of most people is the fund raising and spending of the presidential campaigners.

The initial chart summarizes the current finances of each candidate. The monthly receipts, the compliance fund amount, disbursements for the month, cash available and debts outstanding. One can then choose to see detailed financial statements by the current month or of the total fund raising.

The detailed statements list receipts, contributor details, contributors by state, disbursements, and disbursement purposes and number of occurrences. The receipts are listed by: individuals, political party committees, PACS (political action committees), affiliated/other party committees, offsets and other receipts. Each one of those can be looked at in detail.

The chart of individual contributors lists the person's name, city, state, zip code, employer, occupation, date of donation and amount. The PAC chart lists the name and address of the PAC, the date of the donation and the amount. In addition these is sometimes a specific person named along with the function of the person or the PAC.

The CONTRIBUTOR detail lists the employer or the occupation in order by the most contributed money. The number of contributions and the total dollar amount is listed.

Disbursements are broken down into: operating expenses, transfers to other authorized committees, refunds-individuals, and refunds-other political committees. Under each of those groupings individual disbursements are listed by person/organization, address, purpose, date and amount. The disbursements purposes and number of occurrences groups all of the disbursements by expenditure topic including payroll. Under payroll every employee is listed with the amount paid.

There are similar charts for all presidential candidates. The statistics are in 2 year groupings: 1999-2000, 1997-98, 1995-96, 1993-94 and 1991-92. Under each year grouping all presidential candidates are listed with charts for each candidate.

There are similar charts for U.S. House and Senate campaigns. This data goes back to 1980.

There are sections on politicans, PACS, US candidate money lenders, PAC and party committees, PAC money leaders, recently registered corporation PACS, contributors back to 1980, occupational/employer contributors back to 1980, contributors to candidates outside of their home state back to 1980 and contributions by zip code back to 1980.

Under the section entitled EXECUTIVE WATCH is listed the Clinton Legal Defense Fund, Clinton Library Donors, Clinton Birthplace Foundation, Clinton Redecoration Fund, Presidential Coffees, White House Sleepovers, 1993 Inaugural Foundation, "Bill Clinton $ Profile", "Hillary Clinton $ Profile", "Al Gore $ Profile", Vice Presidential Coffees, Reno Report on Vice President and the FEC Audit Report of the 1996 Clinton and Dole Presidential Committees.

A section called the FEDERAL LOBBY DATA lists the 1999 mid-year reports of federal lobby data, the 1998 year end reports of federal lobby data, the 1999-00 lobby registrations and a lobby registration text search.

The section entitled ENHANCED SOFT MONEY DATABASE lists the top 500 soft money donors by category, the top soft money donors by state, alphabetical list of soft money donors, soft money name search, images of each transaction as reported to the FEC and 5 special reports on soft money. This section is by subscription only.

Lastly, this site has the "Technology and performance audit and management review of the Federal Election Commission: final report, January 29, 1999" available. It is divided into three files: the Executive Summary, Volume I: Report, and Volume II: Appendices. Data on and link sites relating to officials regulating elections, ballot access, registration and voting processes, election results 1996-1998 and a link to the electoral college results site at the National Archives.

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Goettingen State and University Library has digitized its version of the Gutenberg Bible. This Bible is only one of four complete, illuminated copies of the Gutenberg Bible. The Bible is 1282 pages accompanied with an English text. Eight-eight pages of the Bible are illuminated. Each of these pages can be viewed separately. Additionally, the site provides two other digitized documents. The Goettingen Model Book manuscript has the patterns for the decoration of the Goettingen Gutenberg Bible. The other document is about the Helmasperger Notarial Instrument dealing with Gutenberg's printing press and information about Gutenberg's business dealings with Johannes Fust.

There is also brief information on Gutenberg's life and work. ✝

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