

Influence Networks:

What to Know about NGOs and Their Funding

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What to Know about NGOs and Their Funding

...and it all started right here in Montana!

(More on this later....)



Money in Politics

Hard Money, Soft Money, Softer Money

- **Hard money** is limited as to both sources and amounts; contributors must be disclosed to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) under the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA).
- **Soft money** is unlimited as to both sources and amounts; its contributors **must** be disclosed to the FEC.
- **Softer money** is unlimited as to both sources and amounts and its contributors need **not be disclosed** to any government agency **or to the public**.

Money in Politics

Hard Money, Soft Money, Softer Money

- ***Soft money*** is election-related money; falls outside federal candidate-contribution limits/disclosure rules;
 - ***“public policy” 501(c)(3) money*** is charitable funding used for ***nonpartisan*** education, research, and limited lobbying under IRS rules.
- ***Soft money and softer money are defined by campaign-finance law and its relationship to elections;***
- ***Public-policy 501(c)(3) funds are defined by tax law and their relationship to **charitable, nonpartisan public-interest** work....***

Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

Hard Money

- Direct to Candidates
- Direct to Party
- Traditional PACs

- Individuals may contribute directly to candidates for federal office; limits are set per candidate, per election (primary and general each count as separate limits).
- Contributions must be reported by both donors and campaigns...donor's name, address, and amount given.
- Corporations and labor unions are generally barred from giving directly to federal candidates.
- Political action committees (PACs), including party committees, can also give directly to candidates but within strict limits.

Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

Soft Money

“Charitable” Giving

- (c)(3)s involved in public Policy

- 501(c)(3) charitable organizations are absolutely prohibited from participating or intervening in any political campaign, whether supporting or opposing any candidate for office.
- They cannot make any contributions to candidate campaigns, endorse candidates, or spend funds on candidate support/attack.
- 501(c)(3)s may conduct nonpartisan voter education and registration efforts, and may lobby for legislation within strict IRS limits, but must avoid all partisan activity.
- They may support or oppose ballot measures since these are treated as lobbying, not electioneering, provided the involvement remains nonpartisan.

Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

Softer
Money

- (c) (4)
Independent
expenditures

Softer Money

Darkness Descends

- 501(c)(4) organizations are “social welfare” groups under the IRS code; their primary purpose must be promoting social welfare, not political intervention.
- They can participate in political activities (endorse, oppose candidates, produce voter guides), but this must not be their primary activity—political spending should stay below about 50%, with most experts suggesting 30-40% to be safe.
- 501(c)(4)s cannot contribute directly to candidates or candidate committees.

Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

Outside
Money

- Super PACs
- (c)(4)/(c)(5)/(c)(6)
- Parties/Corps/etc

Soft to Softer

Darkness Descends

- Super PACs are political committees that may raise and spend unlimited money to advocate for/against candidates; no direct coordination with candidate and their campaigns.
- Super PACs may accept contributions from 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5) (labor), and 501(c)(6) (trade/professional associations) organizations; these entities may donate unlimited amounts to super PACs.
- These 501(c) groups can run their own independent expenditures or contribute to super PACs, but not directly to candidates/candidate committees.
- There are no contribution limits for donations from these organizations to super PACs; donor disclosure requirements vary and may obscure original donor identities (Another avenue for “Dark Money”).

Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

Hard Dollars

- Direct to Candidates
- Direct to Party
- Traditional PACs

• **\$14.4B**

Dark Money
Softer Money

- (c) (4)
Independent Expenditures

• **\$86M**

Outside Money

- Super PACs
- (c)(4)/(c)(5)/(c)(6)
- Parties/Corps/etc

• **\$3.3B**

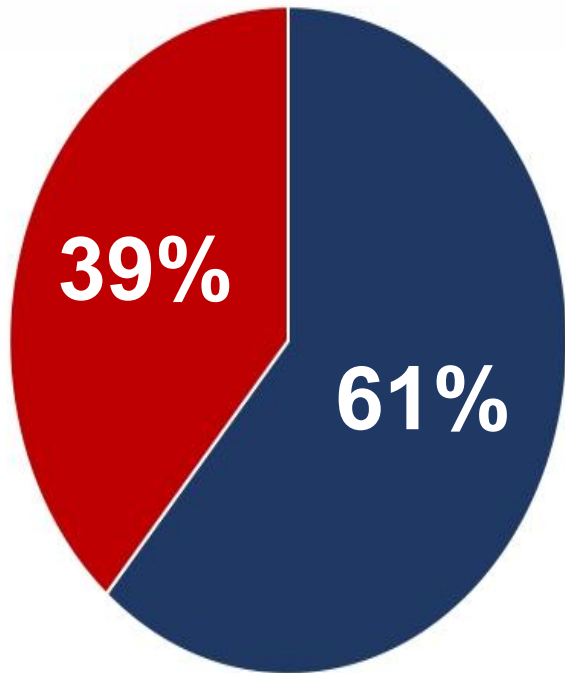
“Charitable”
Giving

- (c)(3)s
Involved in
Public Policy

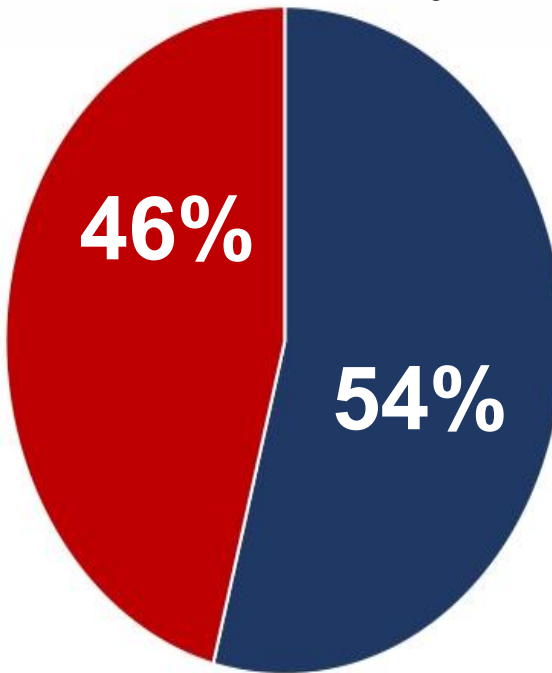
• **\$34.7B**

What this Looks Like in Partisan Form

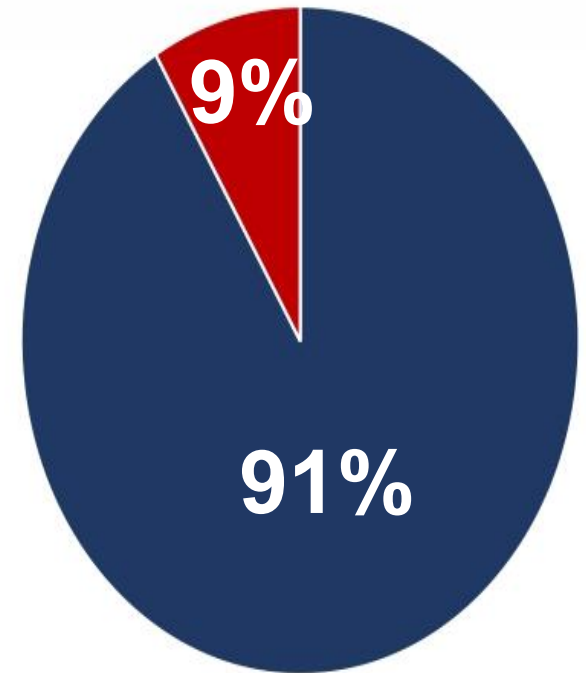
2020 Election Cycle



**HARD
DOLLARS**



**SOFTER
DOLLARS**



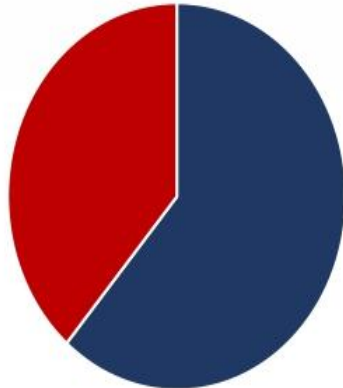
**PUBLIC
POLICY c(3)s**

Money in Politics

To Scale

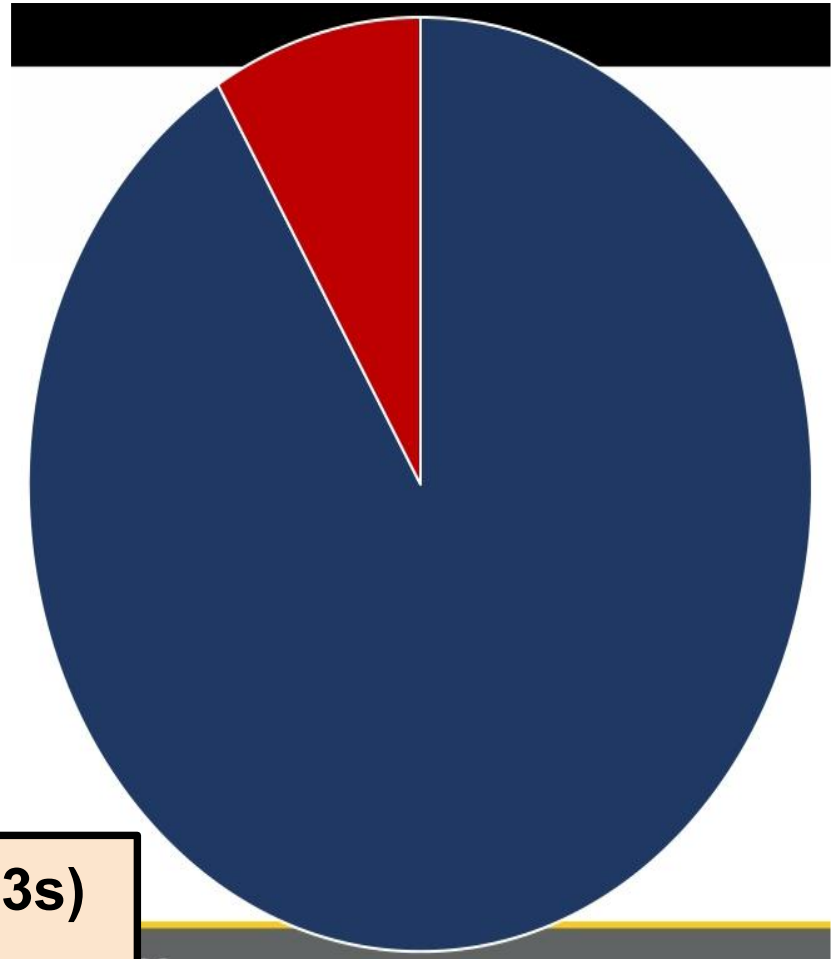


**SOFTER
MONEY**



**HARD
MONEY**

PUBLIC POLICY (c)(3s)



Money in Politics

Where Does it Come From?

***Since 2005, the
nonprofit tail has
wagged the Democratic
Party dog.....***

Money in Politics

Confusing on Purpose!

- 501(c) organizations are used as conduits;
- Soft-type money often means large, unrestricted, and often opaque contributions used to influence elections through issue advocacy or voter mobilization, without being booked as direct campaign support or fully disclosed to voters.
- In abusive structures, a donor may seek a charitable deduction by giving to a 501(c)(3) that then quietly moves money to a 501(c)(4) for election-season issue ads, effectively turning ostensibly charitable dollars into “softer” political money.

THE NAME OF THE GAME!

Money in Politics

Confusing on Purpose!

- The movement and transformation of types of political money means:
 - Campaign finance is not a simple jigsaw puzzle in which the pieces retain their shape;
 - It is a much more mind-bending enterprise in which the shapes of the pieces change at the direction of the large contributors and the candidates in ways that citizens and ordinary contributors can discover only with great difficulty, if at all.

THE GAME is POLITICAL MONEY LAUNDERING!!

The Death Star

(c)(3) Advocacy = Networks

- **Tides Entities**
- **Open Society***
- **Arabella Advisors**
 - **Sunflower Services**
 - **Vital Impact**
- **Others...**



(*) Soros

OUR NGO KINDNESS IS COMING FOR YOU

Arabella's Billions

- New, darker legal structure
- Huge growth
 - 2020 cycle revenues: \$2.4 Billion; **\$1 Billion more than the DNC and RNC combined!**
 - 2022 cycle revenues: \$3 Billion; \$400 Million more than all Democrat and Republican National Committees combined (\$1.4/\$1.35)!



GRASSROOTS...ARABELLA STYLE

"POP-UP" FRONT GROUPS



50 STATE GROUPS

DODGING THE FINANCE LAWS

Three (c) (3)s:

- New Venture Fund
- Hopewell Fund
- Windward Fund

Three (c)(4)s:

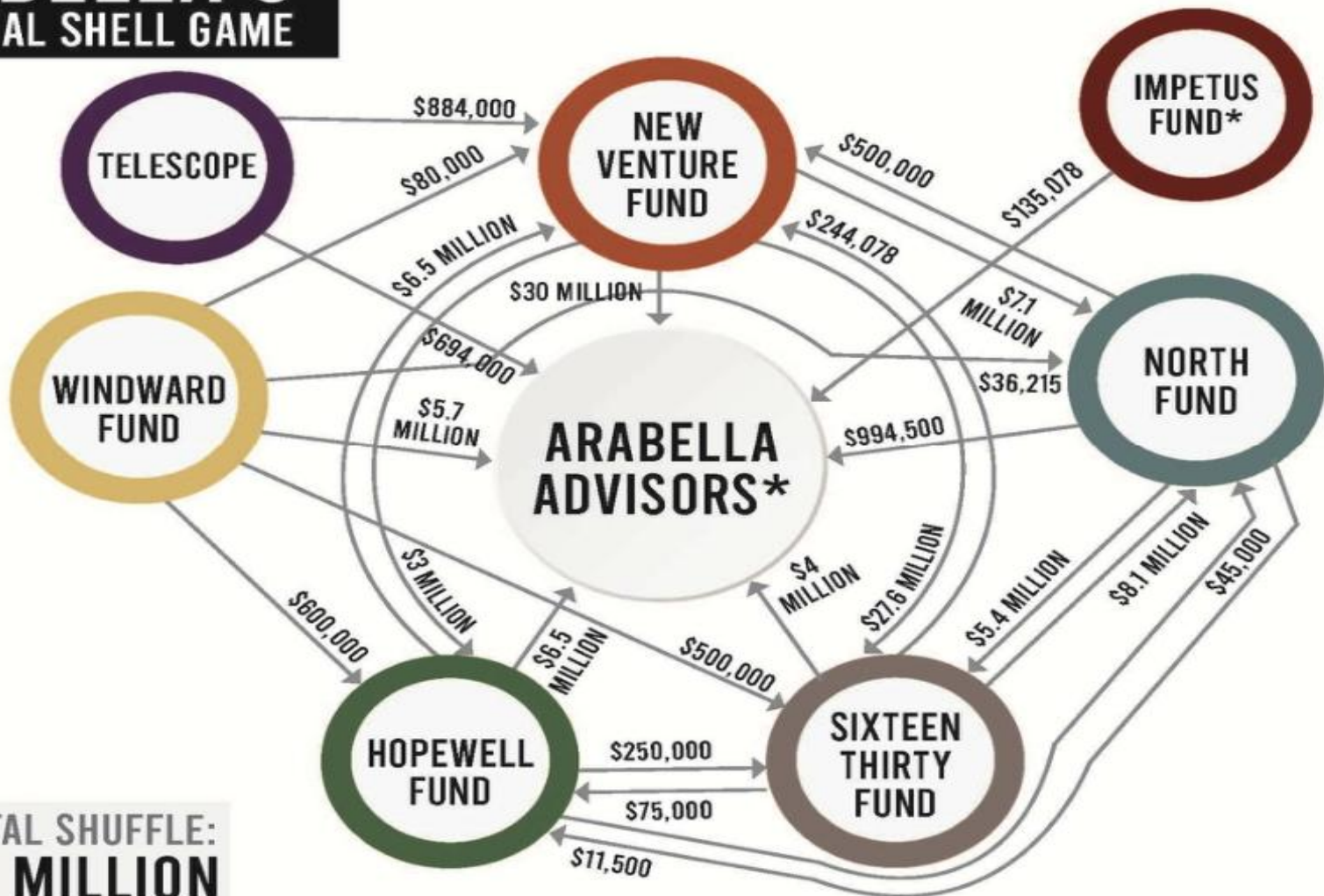
- 1630 Fund
- North Fund
- Impetus Fund

**“these platforms are . . .
a work-around to the tax
regime” —Arabella Advisors’
President, 2020**

THE FINANCIAL SHELL GAME

ARABELLA'S FINANCIAL SHELL GAME

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [CAPITALRESEARCH.ORG/TAG/ARABELLA-ADVISORS/](https://capitalresearch.org/tag/arabella-advisors/)



2023 TOTAL SHUFFLE:
\$108+ MILLION
 INCLUDING MANAGEMENT FEES

*IMPETUS FUND'S FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM JULY-JUNE. ALL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JANUARY-DECEMBER FISCAL YEARS.
 **BEGINNING IN 2023, NEW VENTURE FUNDS PAID "ARABELLA INTERMEDIATE HOLDINGS" ONE OF THE TOP FIVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS. IN PREVIOUS YEARS, "ARABELLA ADVISORS" WAS THE ENTITY PAID BY THAT GROUP.

WHAT DOES ARABELLA FUND?

- Short answer: *Everything Left—Especially Environmental*
- May be Country's Biggest *Abortion Advocacy Funder*
- Medicaid Expansion
- One of the Biggest *State Ballot Initiative Funders*
- \$25M in Zuck Bucks on top of Zuckerberg's \$420M in 2020
- In 2022-24 worked with main Zuck Bucks grantee to evade 28 states' Zuck Bucks bans

WHO FUNDS ARABELLA?

- Short answer: *Everybody on the Left*
- Soros
- Soros' donor cabal, The Democracy Alliance
- Gates Foundation (at least \$375 million thru 2022)
- Many other billionaires with "Foundation" as their last name....
 - In 2021-22 alone: Ford - \$66 M (in 100 grants)
 - Hewlett - \$97 M (in 98)
 - Gates
 - Bloomberg
 - Rockefeller
 - Open Society

WHO FUNDS ARABELLA?

Same Last Name:

FOUNDATION

- A handful of billionaires: *Big Philanthropy* has gone liberal and progressive - overwhelmingly so in policy and advocacy oriented areas.
- It funds a *democratically unaccountable, monoculturally progressive elite* and has become politicized—and partisan.
- Many of today's so-called community organizations are not so much grass roots as *AstroTurf*.
- This is called “*philanthropic governance*”.

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- The CG has shifted *from* local chapter-based member associations and church congregations *to*:
 - Foundations
 - Foundation funded non-profits
 - Universities
- This is a transfer of civic and cultural influence away from ordinary people upward to a managerial elite.
- Success is measured not on mobilizing ordinary citizens, but on getting grants from billionaire-endowed foundations.
- Hence...**ASTROTURF!** *Fake grassroots!*
- And **YOU** fund NGOs as well...through tax exemption!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN FUNDING?

- **THE OKRA PROJECT**: Provides home-cooked meals to black trans individuals facing food insecurity....
- **QUEER LIBERATION LIBRARY**: Curates LGBTQ-themed digital reading lists and ships books directly to queer-identifying individuals and community hubs...without verifying the age of recipients....
- **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST OF AMERICA**: Yup....
- **THE PLEASURE PROJECT**: A global non-profit that partners with public health authorities to “eroticize safer sex.”
- **POWER FORWARD COMMUNITIES**: Stacey Abrams served as senior counsel in 2023; they got a \$2B grant from Biden’s EPA. Over 90% of its funding comes directly from government grants. It is a covert arm of the Fed Gov!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN FUNDING?

- [BLACK LIVES MATTER GLOBAL NETWORK FOUNDATION](#): Nothing more to say here....
- [NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER](#): Is this a political operation dressed up as legal aid? These non-profits enjoy tax-exempt status (subsidization) while working to undermine the safety and sovereignty of the very taxpayers who foot the bill!
- [NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION \(NEA\) and AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS \(AFT\)](#): The NEA alone spent \$66 Million on political activity in the 2020 cycle...nearly all of it for DEMOCRATS. They are flush with dues money, protected by federal labor laws, and answer to no one but their political allies.
- [PLANNED PARENTHOOD](#): Receives \$700 Million in taxpayer funds yearly. (c)3 to (c)4 chicanery.

THE ULTIMATE TOPPER OF THEM ALL....

- **THE SATANIC TEMPLE**: Yes, that's right. They claimed abortion is a religious ritual for them and, in 2019, the IRS granted them tax-exempt status! Yes, we have been funding...Satan worship.

***Money is the
root of all evil.***



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Awareness, Exposure and Vetting

- **Be Aware:** This barely scratches the surface of a very complicated topic - ***POLITICAL MONEY LAUNDERING***
- **Exposure to open sunlight is our best defense**
- **Use the sites and the experts below to conduct candidate and issue vetting:**
 - **CapitolResearch.org**
 - **SWalter@capitalresearch.org**
 - **KEastlick@capitalresearch.org**
 - **InfluenceWatch.org**
 - **Use 'InfluenceWatch' for vetting lobbyists and/or witnesses**

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Awareness, Exposure and Vetting

- Recommend and link to [InfluenceWatch.org](https://www.influencewatch.org)
- Suggest profiles (State groups) that need to be monitored/investigated
 - I recommended tribes and tribal groups
 - Check [InfluenceWatch.org](https://www.influencewatch.org) for State-level organizations

We need to wake up our fellow citizens to the big-money influences seeking to manipulate them and assert elitist domination over the masses.

LET THE FUN BEGIN

Questions?



WHO FUNDS ARABELLA?

- ***Hansjörg Wyss***, a Swiss National billionaire
 - Early on, ***made illegal direct political contributions*** to Durbin, Inslee, Udall
 - Wasn't caught till ***statute of limitations expired***
 - Now his (c)(3) foundation & (c)(4) “dark money” group send 6, 7, and 8-figure donations into Arabella's network
 - FEC complaint filed but no punishment
 - But FEC general counsel report strongly recommends more investigation
 - ...said Wyss and Arabella violating law because their (c)(4) groups are actually PACs
- Of course, it's illegal for foreign national to donate to PACs