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Some of Trump's appointees donated generously to his campaign

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People on the list of appointees announced so far gave more than \$6 million combined to Trump's campaign committee, super PACs, and other groups that supported him.

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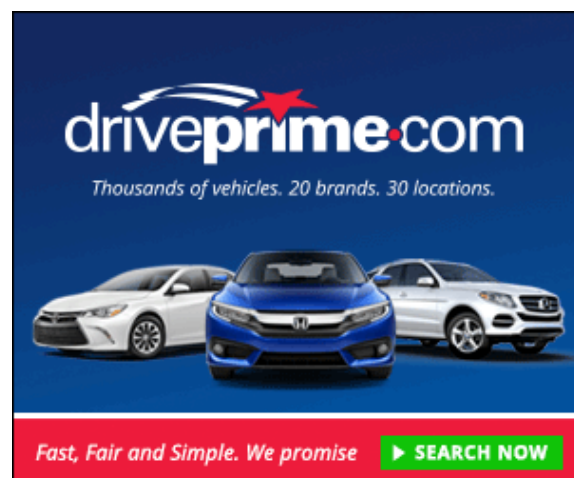
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Some of the people President-elect Donald Trump has chosen to assist him in running the country gave big bucks to his campaign.

The [list of announced appointees](#) gave a combined \$6,054,273 to Trump's campaign committee, super PACs and other outside groups created to support his election, including donations from spouses and children, according to an [analysis](#) by the Center for Responsive Politics.

Most of that came from billionaire Linda McMahon, a former WWE executive and US Senate candidate, who Trump has picked to run the Small Business Administration. McMahon gave \$6,002,700 in donations to Trump's bid for the presidency, according to the center.

The rest of the Trump appointees who donated to him, according to the center's analysis, were:



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- Andrew Puzder, a fast-food executive picked for labor secretary, who gave \$20,800.
- Carl Icahn, a billionaire investor tapped to serve as an advisor on regulatory reform, who gave \$10,800.
- Steven Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs executive in line to serve as treasury secretary, who gave \$5,400.
- Wilbur Ross, a billionaire investor picked to become commerce secretary, who gave \$5,400.

- David Friedman, an attorney picked to serve as ambassador to Israel, who gave \$5,400.
- Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon Mobil tapped to serve as Secretary of State, who gave \$2,700.
- Tom Price, a US Representative from Georgia picked to run the Health and Human Services Department, who gave \$800.
- Mike Pompeo, a US Representative from Kansas selected to become director of the Central Intelligence Agency, who gave \$273.

(There are limits on how much an individual can give to a candidate, their campaign, and traditional political action committees under campaign finance rules. But there are no limits on how much a person can give to or super PACs, which can then use that money to support a candidate.)

It's not unusual for American presidents to pick major campaign donors for political appointments. But it may represent a departure from Trump's rhetoric during the campaign to fight against money's influence on politics.


Trump has also [faced scrutiny](#) for filling a number of key appointments with wealthy individuals, including some figures from Wall Street.

So far he has appointed seven billionaires to key positions along with a number of multimillionaires.

Altogether, his key appointments are estimated to be worth a collective \$36.7 billion — about a billion dollars more than the [value of the endowment of Harvard University](#), the world's richest college.

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