

Money in politics

The disappearance of labor's countervailing power can readily be seen in the 2015-16 election cycle, when corporations and Wall Street contributed \$34 to candidates from both parties for every \$1 donated by unions and all public interest organizations combined. [34:1]

**Business outspent labor \$3.4 billion to \$213 million. [16:1]
All of the nation's unions together spend about \$48 million annually on lobbying in Washington.
Corporate America spends \$3 billion. [62:1]**

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