

Money in politics

**In the 2015-16 election cycle,
business outspent labor
\$3.4 billion to \$213 million,
a ratio of 16 to 1, according to the non-
partisan Center for Responsive Politics.**

**All of the nation's unions, taken
together, spend about \$48 million
a year for lobbying in Washington, while
corporate America spends \$3 billion.
Little wonder that many lawmakers
seem vastly more interested in
cutting taxes on corporations
than in raising the minimum wage.**

**Steven Greenhouse,
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