



\$9 Million Question:

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AG Candidates Ask: Are You For the People? Or Against Pedophiles?

Texas voters definitely have a choice in this November's attorney general race—although few of them may be aware of it. Nonetheless they can expect to hear soon from the incumbent Republican. Attorney General Greg Abbott has raised almost \$9 million since

his 2002 election. Although he still retained \$7 million in his war chest at the end of June, Abbott pledged to spend heavily to ensure that voters know about his accomplishments. At the top of his list, he says, is busting Internet pedophiles.

Starting Two Years Earlier, Abbott Raised 83 Times More Money Than Van Os...

Election Cycle	Total Contributions To Abbott	No. of Contributions To Abbott
2004	\$3,985,473	1,781
2006	\$4,749,806	1,918
TOTAL:	\$8,733,279	3,699

Election Cycle	Total Contributions To Van Os	No. of Contributions To Van Os
2004	NA	NA
2006	\$104,081	912
TOTAL:	\$104,081	912

Note: Libertarian candidate Jon Roland has not reported raising or spending any money.

...And Has 2,177 Times As Much In the Bank

Approximate Date	Abbott Campaign's Cash On Hand	Van Os Campaign's Cash On Hand
12/31/03	\$1,334,334	NA
6/30/04	\$1,804,815	NA
12/31/04	\$3,210,342	NA
6/30/05	\$3,777,277	\$11,267
12/31/05	\$5,695,634	\$0
6/30/06	\$7,057,160	\$3,242

Meanwhile voters should not expect to hear from Democratic challenger David Van Os—unless they mosey down to their local court house on the appointed day. A longtime labor lawyer, Van Os is running a populist campaign—and has the bank account to prove it. Since his failed 2004 race for the Texas Supreme Court, Van Os has raised \$104,081, spending all but \$3,242 of it by the end of June. Unable to buy much advertising, Van Os is well on his way to fulfilling his pledge to hold political rallies at each of Texas' 254 county courthouses. Here Van Os rails more often against the kinds of rapacious corporate interests that have stocked his opponent's war chest than the perverts who populate the World Wide Web. Libertarian Jon Roland, who has not reported raising or spending any money, says his priority will be to squash the corruption of public offices.

Apart from message and the sheer size of their war chests, a key difference between the two major-party candidates is in the size of the contribution checks that they received. Checks of \$5,000 or more accounted for 75 percent of all the money that Abbott raised and just 19 percent of Van Os' total funding. In contrast, checks for less than \$1,000 accounted for 57 percent of Van Os' money and 5 percent of the incumbent's cash.

Researchers identified the interests behind more than \$8 million of Abbott's campaign

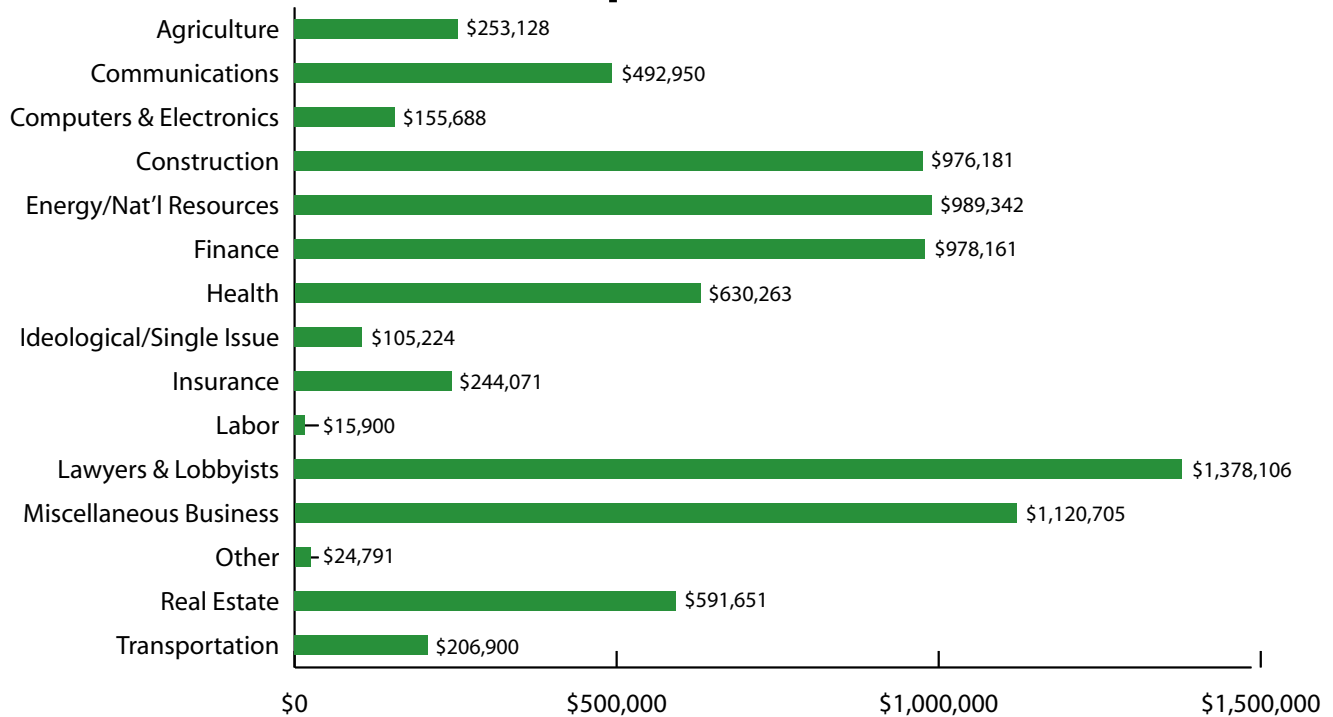
money, finding that business interests accounted for more than 99 percent of his total. Abbott, an ex-Texas Supreme Court justice and former corporate lawyer, received the most money (\$1.4 million) from the Lawyers and Lobbyists sector (led by Vinson & Elkins). He also received more than \$1 million from the Miscellaneous Business sector (led by Houston beer magnate John Nau). Abbott's top overall donor was, of course, Houston home-builder Bob Perry, who gave the attorney general a remarkable \$470,265. The next-largest donors were Kenny Troutt, who made a fortune from his Excel phone company, and energy and water investor T. Boone Pickens.

Researchers identified the interests behind just \$36,290 of Van Os' campaign money. This was because he relied much more on harder-to-identify small donors and because his campaign did a poor job of identifying the occupation and employer of even some of its top donors (e.g reporting one \$2,000 donor as nothing more than a "Political Action Committee"). Labor unions are Van Os' top source of support. Two of his top donors are unions that previously employed this candidate: the Communications Workers of America and the AFL-CIO. While Abbott received a negligible share of his money from unions, the absolute amount that he received from labor (\$15,900) almost rivals what Van Os obtained from this sector (\$18,800).

Attorney General Greg Abbott

Republican Incumbent

Abbott's Special Interests



Abbott Contributions Breakdown*

Size of Contribution Check	Total Amount	Percent of Total	No. of Checks	Percent of Total
\$50,000 or More	\$850,000	10%	16	<1%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$2,500,000	29%	100	3%
\$5,000 - \$24,999	\$3,171,424	36%	443	12%
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$1,772,393	20%	1,160	31%
\$100 - \$999	\$423,234	5%	1,414	38%
Under \$100	\$16,173	<1%	566	15%
Unitemized (\$50 or less)	\$55	<1%	NA	NA
TOTALS:	\$8,733,279	100%	3,699	100%

*This chart analyzes each check received. Aggregate totals for donors making multiple contributions are reported below.

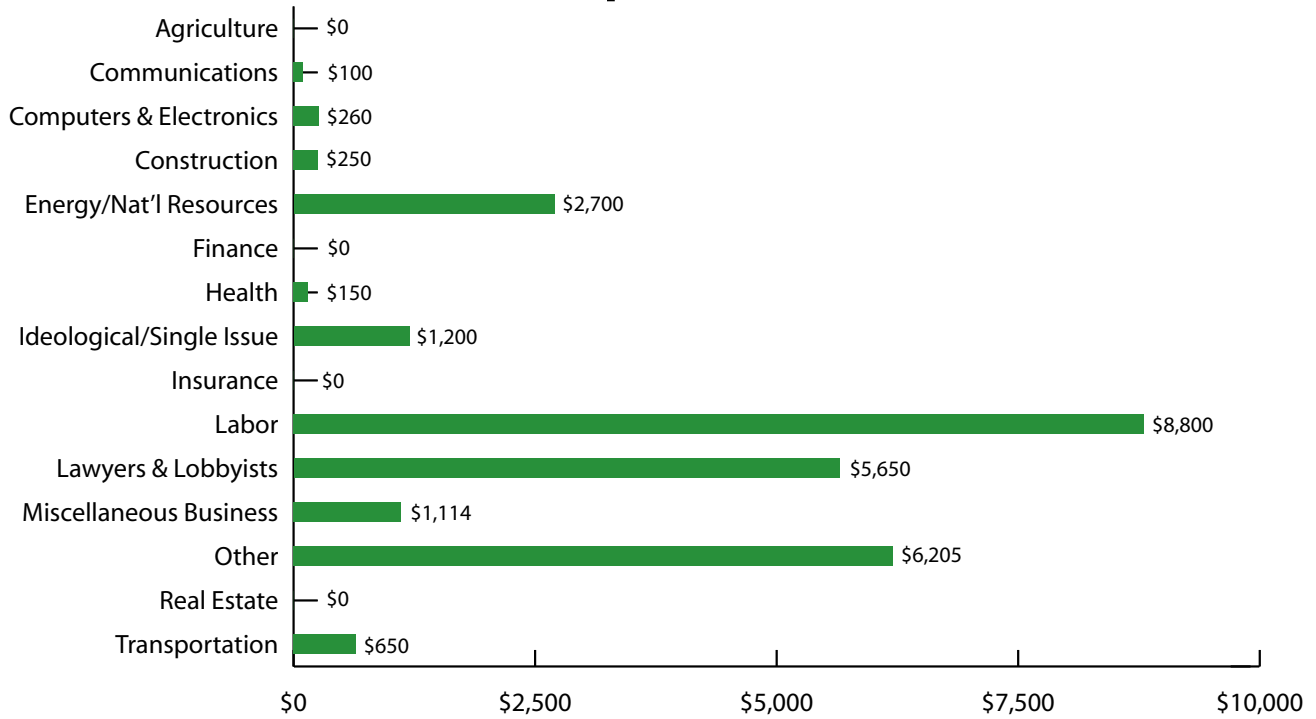
Abbott's Top Donors (Accounting for 45% of His Total)

January 2003 Through June 2006

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$470,265	Bob & Doylene Perry	Perry Homes	Houston
\$175,000	Kenny & Lisa Troutt	Mt. Vernon Investments (telecom)	Dallas
\$157,674	T. Boone Pickens, Jr.	BP Capital (oil & water investing)	Dallas
\$157,048	John & Barbara Nau, III	Silver Eagle [beer] Distributors	Houston
\$150,000	Stevan Hammond	Marketing Investors Corp.	Dallas
\$150,000	Harold Simmons	Contran Corp. (nuclear waste)	Dallas
\$140,228	Lonnie 'Bo' Pilgrim	Pilgrim's Pride Poultry	Pittsburg
\$115,000	Randall G. Goss	U.S. RISK insurance	Dallas
\$100,000	William & Wendy Boothe	Boothe Eye Care & Laser Center	Dallas
\$100,000	Q PAC	Q Funding, LP (investing)	Fort Worth
\$100,000	Robert & Terry Rowling	TRT Holdings (oil & hotels)	Irving
\$100,000	Vinson & Elkins	Law firm	Houston
\$91,707	Robert J. Schlegel	Pavestone building materials	Dallas
\$90,000	Andrews Kurth	Law firm	Houston
\$90,000	Repub. State Leadership PAC	Republican PAC	Washington
\$85,664	James R. Leininger	KCI (hospital beds)	San Antonio
\$77,000	Fulbright & Jaworski	Law firm	Houston
\$76,000	Michael Stevens	M. Stevens Interests (apartments)	Houston
\$75,000	Felix & Candice Chen	PAJ Inc. (jewelry maker)	Dallas
\$75,000	Frank McGuyer	McGuyer Homebuilders	Houston
\$70,309	John V. Lattimore	Lattimore Materials (concrete)	Mc Kinney
\$70,000	Charles C. Butt	HEB Grocery	San Antonio
\$69,713	Valero Energy PAC	Gas refining	San Antonio
\$67,500	Linebarger Goggan Blair...	Law firm	Austin
\$65,000	Louis & Julie Beecherl	Beecherl Co's (oil fortune)	Dallas
\$65,000	John Carpenter III	Lachlan Alliance (real estate)	Dallas
\$65,000	TX Real Estate Assoc.	Realtor trade group	Austin
\$55,000	Baker Botts	Law firm	Houston
\$55,000	Alice L. Walton	Wal-Mart heiress	Mineral Wells
\$55,000	Richard W. Weekley	Texans for Lawsuit Reform/developer	Houston
\$51,000	Locke Liddell & Sapp	Law firm	Houston
\$51,000	Walter & Suzette Negley	WWN Corp. (makes screws)	Houston
\$50,000	HillCo PAC	Bob Perry's lobby firm	Austin
\$46,615	Landry's Restaurants PAC	Restaurants, casinos	Houston
\$46,500	Lowry & Peggy Mays	Clear Channel (radio stations)	San Antonio
\$46,000	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer...	Law firm	Austin
\$45,000	Winstead Sechrest & Minick	Law firm	Dallas
\$43,651	Ned S. Holmes	Parkway Investments (developer)	Houston
\$40,000	Dennis R. Berman	Trivac (learning consulting)	Irving
\$40,000	McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore	Law firm	Austin
\$40,000	AT&T	Telecommunications	Austin

David Van Os
Democratic Challenger

Van Os's Special Interests



Van Os Contributions Breakdown*

Size of Contribution Check	Total Amount	Percent of Total	No. of Checks	Percent of Total
\$50,000 or More	\$0	0%	0	0%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$0	0%	0	0%
\$5,000 - \$24,999	\$20,000	19%	3	<1%
\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$24,500	23%	19	2%
\$100 - \$999	\$36,765	35%	246	27%
Under \$100	\$21,053	20%	644	71%
Unitemized (\$50 or less)	\$2,552	2%	NA	NA
TOTALS:	\$104,870	100%	912	100%

*This chart analyzes each check received. Aggregate totals for donors making multiple contributions are reported below.

Van Os' Top Donors (Accounting for 47% of His Total)

January 2003 Through June 2006

Amount	Contributor	Employer/Business	City
\$10,800	*Communications Workers	Labor union	Washington
\$10,075	David Collins	Retired	Johnson City
\$5,000	*AFL-CIO	Labor union	Austin
\$4,265	Victor Scherb	Professor	Tyler
\$3,000	Garland & Sandra Stevenson	Retired	Telephone
\$3,000	Rebecca Willard	Unreported & unknown	Austin
\$2,517	Suzanne & John Stafford	Unreported & unknown	Beaumont
\$2,000	Political Action Committee	Unreported & unknown	San Antonio
\$2,000	Ruth McLean Bowers	Oil & Gas; Rancher	San Antonio
\$1,114	Sonia Santana	Web Designer	Austin
\$1,025	Emogene Proctor	Retired Teacher	Winfield
\$1,000	Richard R. Morrison	Attorney	Sugar Land
\$1,000	Internat'l Br. of Electrical Workers	Labor union	Houston
\$1,000	Robert Lyon	Attorney	Rowlett
\$1,000	Teamsters DRIVE PAC	Labor union	Washington
\$1,000	TX Working Families PAC	Carpenters union	San Antonio

*Former employer of the candidate.