

Super PACs 2016

Here's a breakdown of the various super PACs connected to the 2016 presidential candidates. The data comes from the July 2015 quarterly filing with the Federal Election Commission. New quarterly reports are due in October 2015:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Affiliated Super PACs</i>	<i>Unaffiliated Super PACs</i>	<i>Total raised (as of 07/15/15)</i>
Jeb Bush R-Fla	<u>Right to Rise</u>	Millennials Rising Vamos for Jeb	\$103,224,384
Ben Carson R	<u>One Vote PAC</u>	National Draft Ben Carson for President For a Better Tomorrow	\$6,844,986
Chris Christie R-NJ	<u>America Leads</u>	Ready for Christie	\$11,003,305
Hillary Clinton D-NY	<u>Priorities USA Action</u>	Faith Voters PAC Balance of Power Bill For First Lady 2016	\$15,674,490
Ted Cruz R-TX	<u>Keep the Promise</u> <u>Keep the Promise I</u> <u>Keep the Promise II</u> <u>Keep the Promise III</u>	Crusaders PAC Jruz PAC Take DC Back Stand for Principle	\$38,425,747
Carly Fiorina R	<u>Carly for America</u>	Unlocking Potential	\$3,492,728
Jim Gilmore R-Va	<u>Growth PAC</u>		\$193,094
Lindsey Graham R-SC	<u>Security Is Strength</u>	West Main Street Values	\$2,897,457

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Mike Huckabee R-Ark	<u>Pursuing America's Greatness</u>		\$3,604,987
Bobby Jindal R-La	<u>Believe Again</u>		\$3,685,919
John Kasich R-Ohio	<u>New Day for America 2016</u>		\$0
Martin O'Malley D-Md	<u>Generation Forward</u>		\$289,443
George Pataki R-NY	<u>We the People, Not Washington PAC</u>		\$859,244
Rand Paul R-Ky	<u>Concerned American Voters</u> <u>America's Liberty</u> <u>Purple PAC</u>	Forever Free PAC Human Action Rand PAC 2016 Only Rand.com	\$5,057,783
Marco Rubio R-Fla	<u>Conservative Solutions PAC</u>	Students for Rubio Americans for Marco Rubio	\$5,057,783
Rick Santorum R-Pa	<u>Working Again</u>		\$0
Donald Trump R		Make America Great Again Hispanic Citizens for Donald Trump	\$0
Bernie Sanders I-Vt		Collective Actions PAC Billionaires For Bernie	\$8,795

Points of Interest

Affiliated super PACs are often created or staffed by the candidate's political allies and act as extensions of the official campaigns. Though these independent groups cannot donate directly to or coordinate with campaigns, they've found ways to get around the rules.

A few examples: Jeb Bush's longtime strategist and friend Mike Murphy heads his *Right to Rise* super PAC, which has advertised on his behalf. Hillary Clinton's 2008 campaign manager Guy Cecil is at the helm of the pro-Clinton *Priorities Action USA*, while her current campaign manager has met with potential PAC donors. Martin O'Malley's *Generation Forward* super PAC, established by his former press secretary, has run attack ads against Sanders.

Unaffiliated super PACs are different. The two pro-Sanders super PACs – *Collective Actions* PAC and *Billionaires for Bernie* – have no ties to Sanders or his campaign. In fact, Sanders' team has asked the unaffiliated super PACs to cut it out.

But because anyone can register a super PAC (It would be remiss to not mention Stephen Colbert's *Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow.*), candidates can do little to stop one from forming and declaring its support.

The distinction between an affiliated super PAC and an unaffiliated one is significant.

Sanders isn't the only presidential candidate without an affiliated super PAC. But among the more prominent candidates, Sanders is indeed the odd man out.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz has more affiliated super PACs than anyone else, while Bush's *Right to Rise* has raised the most money by far. The pro-Clinton *Priorities USA Action* has raised \$15.6 million.

Donald Trump, who repeatedly touts his financial independence from donors, seems to be friendly with a super PAC created in his honor. While Trump's not coordinating with the group on the same level as Bush or Clinton, the connections are certainly worth noting.