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This website, published by the Federal Election Commission, shows a breakdown of all the money spent in the 2012 Presidential election campaign season. According to this website, the total number of money documented by the FEC was 2,807,631,768. This money represents all of the funding by political action committees, personal contributions, and political party contributions over \$200. This page also has a breakdown of donations by state. According to the FEC, more money was raised in California than any other state (\$146,879,775). North Dakota raised the least amount of money, \$1,027,277. Another interesting figure the FEC posted was that of all its brackets regarding size of donation, more money was raised in increments of less than \$200 per donation than any other bracket. Of the \$2.8 billion documented by the FEC, \$672,484,042 of that many was raised less than \$200 at a time.

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This article, written by the Washington Post, describes the influx in campaign spending in the last two weeks of the election and the amount of money donated by some of America's most wealthy citizens. According to this article, President Obama's campaign received \$100 million dollars by 1.3 million donors in just the last two weeks of the election. Governor Romney, on the other hand, received \$85.9 million from 600,000 voters in that same amount of time. This article goes on to describe the campaign spending of casino mogul Sheldon Adelson and Mayor Michael Bloomberg (I) of New York. Adelson reportedly spent 100 million on various political campaigns (Presidential and Congressional) this election season. Mayor Bloomberg spent \$8 million on various campaigns in an effort to limit gun rights and increase environmental protection. The Washington Post got this information from the Center for Responsive Politics, which searches through all of the FEC's data to collect its findings.

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