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This article, published by Businessweek, describes how Super PAC founders are profiting from the lack of FEC oversight regarding their organizations. According to this article, the FEC makes it legal for Super PAC workers to draw their salaries from the organizations, and sets no restriction on what this salary is. This report shows examples of several Super PAC owners now making over \$250,000 from their organizations. More startling news, however, is the fact that: out of the 420 Super PACs recognized by the FEC, 151 spent their money completely on "overhead" than advertising for political issues. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, which pours through FEC data, all 420 Super PACs spent a total of \$104.4 million into "operational expenses" such as travel and salaries.

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This website links to a project created by the Wall Street Journal that tracked the spending of Super PACs this past election season. According to this project, which collects all of its financial data from the Federal Election Commission, Super PACs spent a total of \$567,498,628 during the past election season. Of this money, \$266,411,832 was spent to "oppose" candidates, while \$74,554,388 was spent to actually support candidates. This project also listed the top 10 highest spending Super PACs this year. The highest grossing Super PAC was Romney-supporting "Restore Our Future". The second highest grossing super PAC was Obama-supporting "Priorities Action USA". After reviewing all of the data, it is clear to see more money was spent supporting conservative and Republican candidates than their liberal and Democratic counterparts.