

# Tobacco Company Political Action Committee (PAC) Contributions to Federal Candidates by Election Cycle, PAC, and Party, 2005-2020

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<b>Election Cycle</b>	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Totals
2005-2006	\$582,250	\$1,819,244	\$2,401,494
2007-2008	\$683,227	\$1,336,948	\$2,020,175
2009-2010	\$467,550	\$1,190,727	\$1,658,277
2011-2012	\$375,605	\$1,532,154	\$1,907,759
2013-2014	\$297,595	\$1,555,271	\$1,852,866
2015-2016	\$228,175	\$1,424,454	\$1,652,629
2017-2018	\$279,460	\$894,339	\$1,173,799
2019-2020	\$357,264	\$1,004,650	\$1,361,914
Totals	\$3,271,126	\$10,757,787	\$14,028,913

Source: Center for Responsive Politics based on data released by the FEC on March 22, 2021.

PAC contributions to federal candidates include contributions to Democratic and Republican candidates for federal office. The table does not reflect contributions to independent candidates. The total reflects donations from the political action committees established by tobacco companies only and does not include personal contributions made by tobacco company executives and employees.

For contributions to state candidates, see The Institute on Money in State Politics, www.followthemoney.org. The Institute maintains a database of all contributions to state candidates, including contributions from tobacco companies.

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Tobacco Company	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	TOTALS
Altria Group§	\$1,001,500	\$728,000	\$857,850	\$965,091	\$863,215	\$883,250	\$653,700	\$702,108	\$6,654,714
RJ Reynolds Tobacco	\$769,500	\$564,500	\$379,450	\$373,500	\$327,000	\$367,000	\$303,000	\$346,460	\$3,430,410
Lorillard Tobacco†	\$184,250	\$190,000	\$128,000	\$225,999	\$288,645	\$21,762	1	_	\$1,038,656
US Smokeless Tobacco**	\$283,250	\$366,000	-\$500	\$0	_	1	1	_	\$648,750
Swisher International	\$46,000	\$44,000	\$88,500	\$57,000	\$89,500	\$124,000	\$64,500	\$115,000	\$628,500
Intl Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association	_	_	\$20,000	\$26,500	\$53,053	\$99,267	\$58,799	\$64,898	\$322,517
Swedish Match North America	\$39,872	\$58,075	\$73,500	\$54,509	\$40,600	\$40,000	\$11,500	\$1,000	\$319,056
Commonwealth-Altadis	_	_	\$68,300	\$77,000	\$65,000	\$33,000		_	\$243,300
PURO	_	_	_	\$101,500	\$61,750	\$38,000	\$21,000	\$2,921	\$225,171
Cigar Association	\$17,500	\$48,750	\$19,177	\$11,410	\$35,603	\$20,350	\$28,100	\$9,277	\$190,167
JUUL Labs	_	_	_	_	_	_	\$24,700	\$101,500	\$126,200
Universal Leaf Tobacco	\$15,622	\$10,350	\$15,000	\$9,500	\$16,500	\$10,000	\$8,500	\$16,250	\$101,722
Conwood Sales (Reynolds)*	\$37,500	\$1,000	\$0	_	_			_	\$38,500
General Cigar	_	_	\$0	\$5,750	\$12,000	\$16,000	1	\$2,500	\$36,250
Alliance One International	\$6,500				_	_		_	\$25,000
Totals	\$2,401,494	\$2,020,175	\$1,658,277	\$1,907,759	\$1,852,866	\$1,652,629	\$1,173,799	\$1,361,914	\$14,028,913

Source: Center for Responsive Politics, 2021. Table includes donations to Democrats and Republicans only.

§CRP website total for 2009-2010 is higher because of a donation to an independent candidate.

<sup>†</sup>Lorillard was acquired by Reynolds in 2015.

<sup>\*</sup>Conwood Sales was acquired by Reynolds in 2006.

<sup>\*\*</sup>US Smokeless Tobacco was acquired by Altria in January 2009.

### Tobacco Company Political Action Committee (PAC) Contributions to Republican Federal Candidates By Election Cycle

Company	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	TOTALS
Altria Group	\$668,000	\$451,500	\$584,850	\$768,307	\$711,000	\$709,250	\$444,700	\$492,608	\$4,830,215
RJ Reynolds Tobacco	\$650,000	\$468,000	\$346,450	\$350,000	\$307,500	\$344,500	\$269,000	\$283,460	\$3,018,910
Lorillard Tobacco†	\$153,750	\$107,000	\$58,500	\$162,928	\$218,410	\$23,762	_	_	\$724,350
Swisher International	\$32,500	\$26,000	\$77,000	\$52,000	\$88,500	\$124,000	\$62,500	\$84,500	\$547,000
US Smokeless Tobacco**	\$220,750	\$207,500	-\$500	\$0	_	_	_	_	\$427,750
Intl Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association	_		\$12,750	\$17,250	\$38,608	\$83,192	\$44,989	\$52,911	\$249,700
Swedish Match North America	\$35,872	\$34,848	\$39,000	\$39,009	\$34,600	\$34,500	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$227,829
Commonwealth-Altadis	_		\$41,000	\$57,500	\$61,000	\$30,500	_	_	\$190,000
PURO	_	_	_	\$65,500	\$41,250	\$34,500	\$12,000	\$1,921	\$155,171
Cigar Association	\$13,500	\$24,750	\$15,177	\$9,910	\$35,403	\$18,250	\$26,400	\$4,000	\$147,390
JUUL Labs	_	1	1	_	_		\$17,000	\$68,500	\$85,500
Universal Leaf Tobacco	\$11,872	\$7,350	\$10,500	\$7,000	\$13,500	\$7,000	\$5,750	\$13,250	\$76,222
Conwood Sales (Reynolds)*	\$29,000	\$1,000	\$0	_	_	_	_	_	\$30,000
General Cigar	_	_	\$0	\$2,750	\$5,500	\$15,000	_	\$2,500	\$25,750
Alliance One International	\$4,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$0	_	_	_	_	\$19,000
Totals	\$1,819,244	\$1,336,948	\$1,190,727	\$1,532,154	\$1,555,271	\$1,424,454	\$891,339	\$1,004,650	\$10,754,787

Source: Center for Responsive Politics, 2021. Table includes donations to Republicans only.

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## Tobacco Company Political Action Committee (PAC) Contributions to Democratic Federal Candidates By Election Cycle

Company	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	TOTALS
Altria Group	\$333,500	\$276,500	\$273,000	\$196,784	\$152,215	\$174,000	\$206,000	\$209,500	\$1,821,499
RJ Reynolds Tobacco	\$119,500	\$96,500	\$33,000	\$23,500	\$19,500	\$22,500	\$34,000	\$63,000	\$411,500
Lorillard Tobacco+	\$30,500	\$83,000	\$69,500	\$63,071	\$70,235	-\$2,000	1	1	\$314,306
US Smokeless Tobacco**	\$62,500	\$158,500	\$0	\$0	1		1	1	\$221,000
Swedish Match North America	\$4,000	\$23,227	\$34,500	\$15,500	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$91,227
Swisher International	\$13,500	\$18,000	\$11,500	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$30,500	\$81,500
Intl Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association	_	1	\$7,250	\$9,250	\$14,445	\$16,075	\$13,810	\$11,987	\$72,817
PURO	_	_	_	\$36,000	\$20,500	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$70,000
Commonwealth-Altadis	_	1	\$27,300	\$19,500	\$4,000	\$2,500	1		\$53,300
Cigar Association	\$4,000	\$24,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$200	\$2,100	\$1,700	\$5,277	\$42,777
JUUL Labs	_	1		l	1		\$7,700	\$33,000	\$40,700
Universal Leaf Tobacco	\$3,750	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$25,500
General Cigar	_	1	\$0	\$3,000	\$6,500	\$1,000	l	\$0	\$10,500
Conwood Sales (Reynolds)*	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	l	1		l	1	\$8,500
Alliance One International	\$2,500	\$500	\$3,000	\$0	_	_	<u> </u>		\$6,000
Totals	\$582,250	\$683,227	\$467,550	\$375,605	\$297,595	\$228,175	\$279,460	\$357,264	\$3,271,126

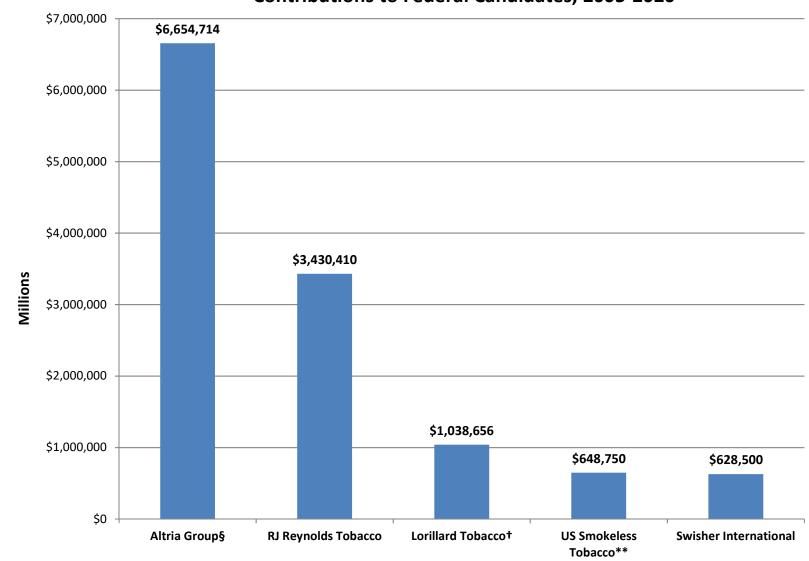
Source: Center for Responsive Politics, 2021. Table includes donations to Democrats only.

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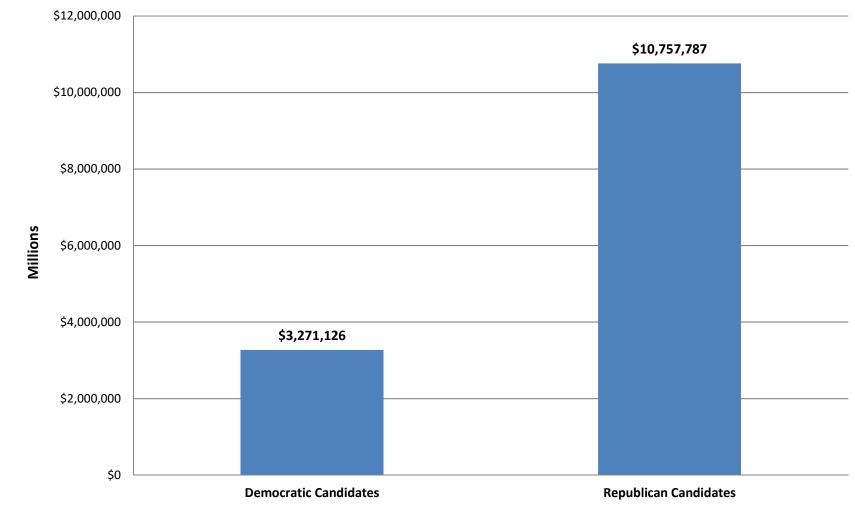
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**Total PAC Contributions to Democratic and Republican Candidates= \$14,028,913** 

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