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# Can Money Buy the Senate?

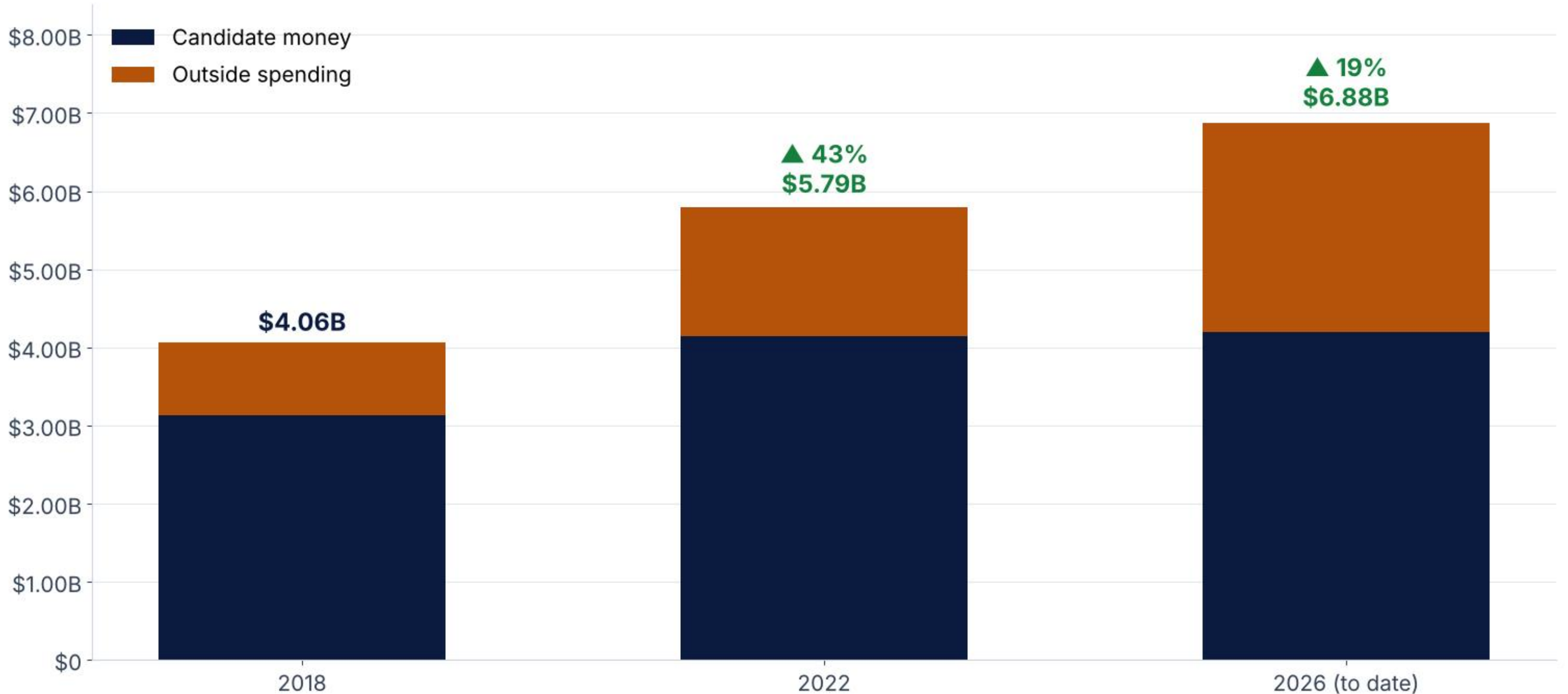
## Follow the 2026 Midterm Money

Billionaires, super PACs and \$6.9 billion:  
what the FEC filings show, and what they don't.

# Midterm money keeps climbing

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Candidate receipts and outside spending by midterm cycle



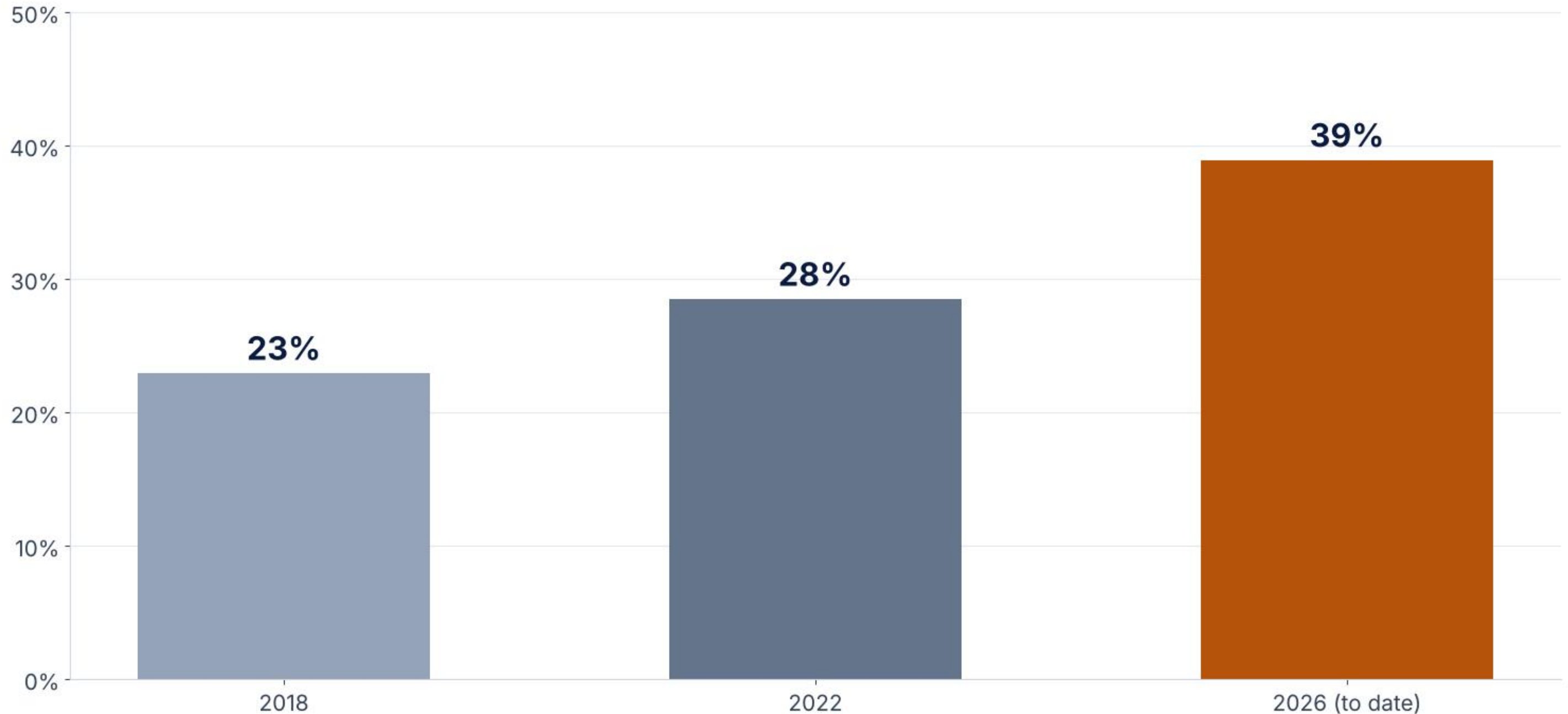
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# Outside groups now spend 39 cents of every dollar

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Outside spending as a share of all money in House and Senate races

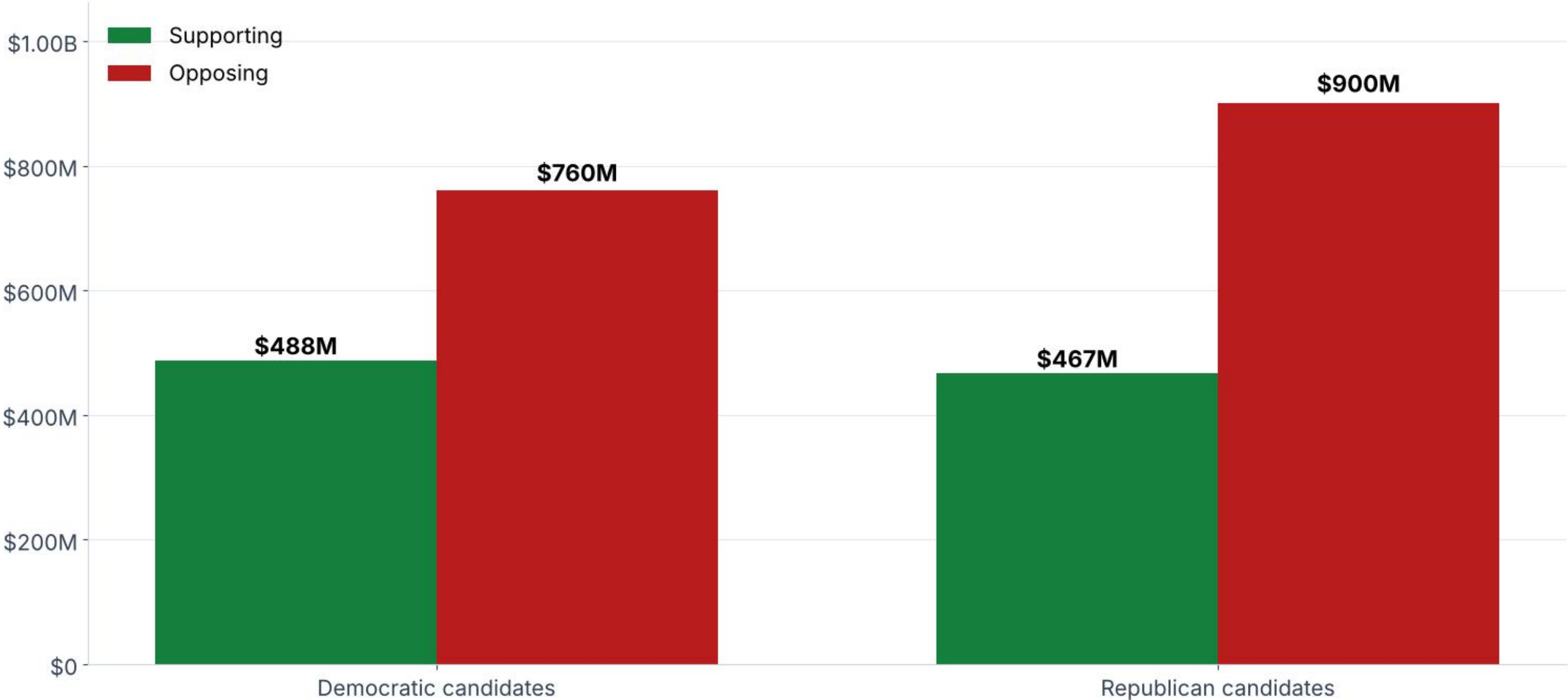


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# Most outside money attacks

Independent expenditures supporting vs opposing each party's candidates, 2026

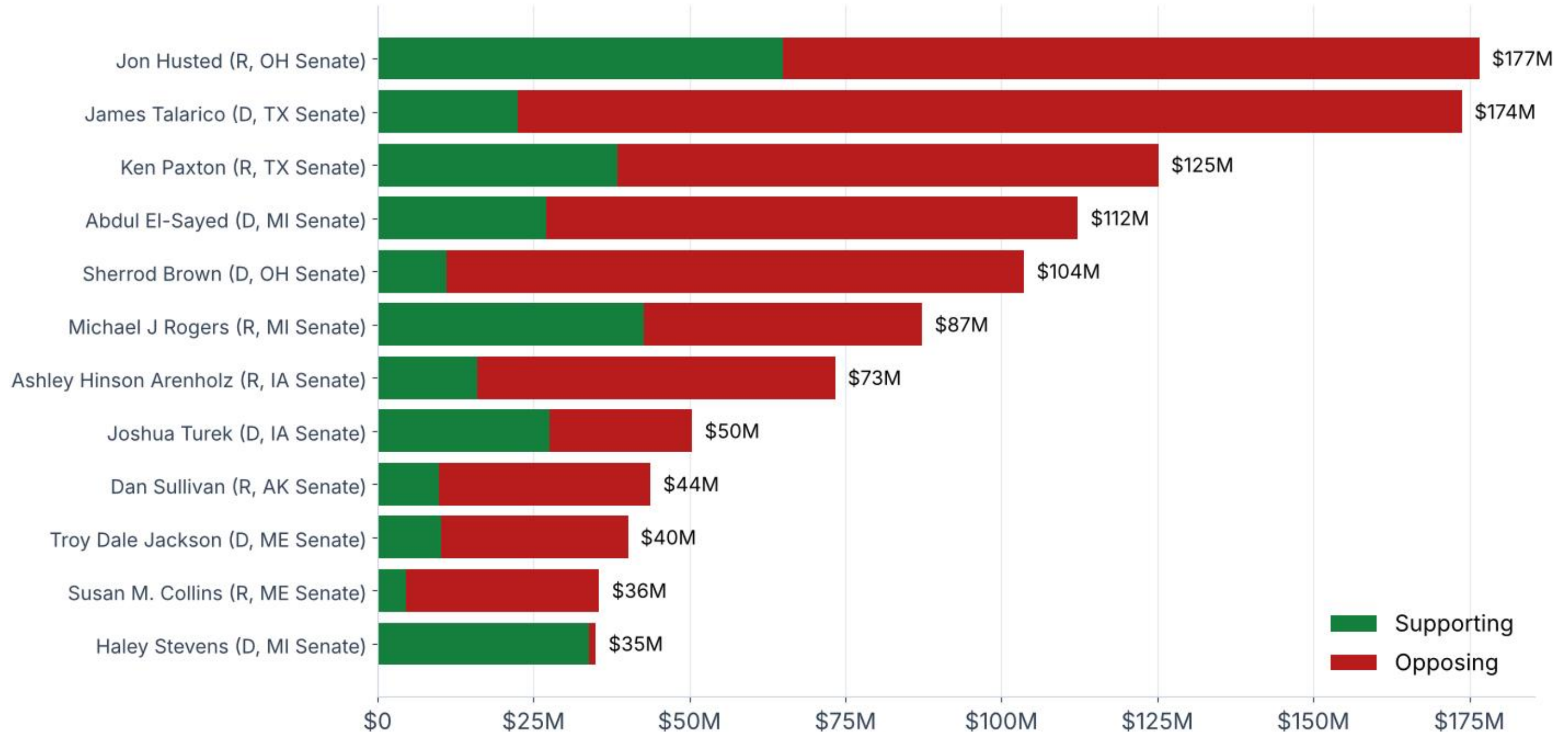


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# Where outside money is aimed

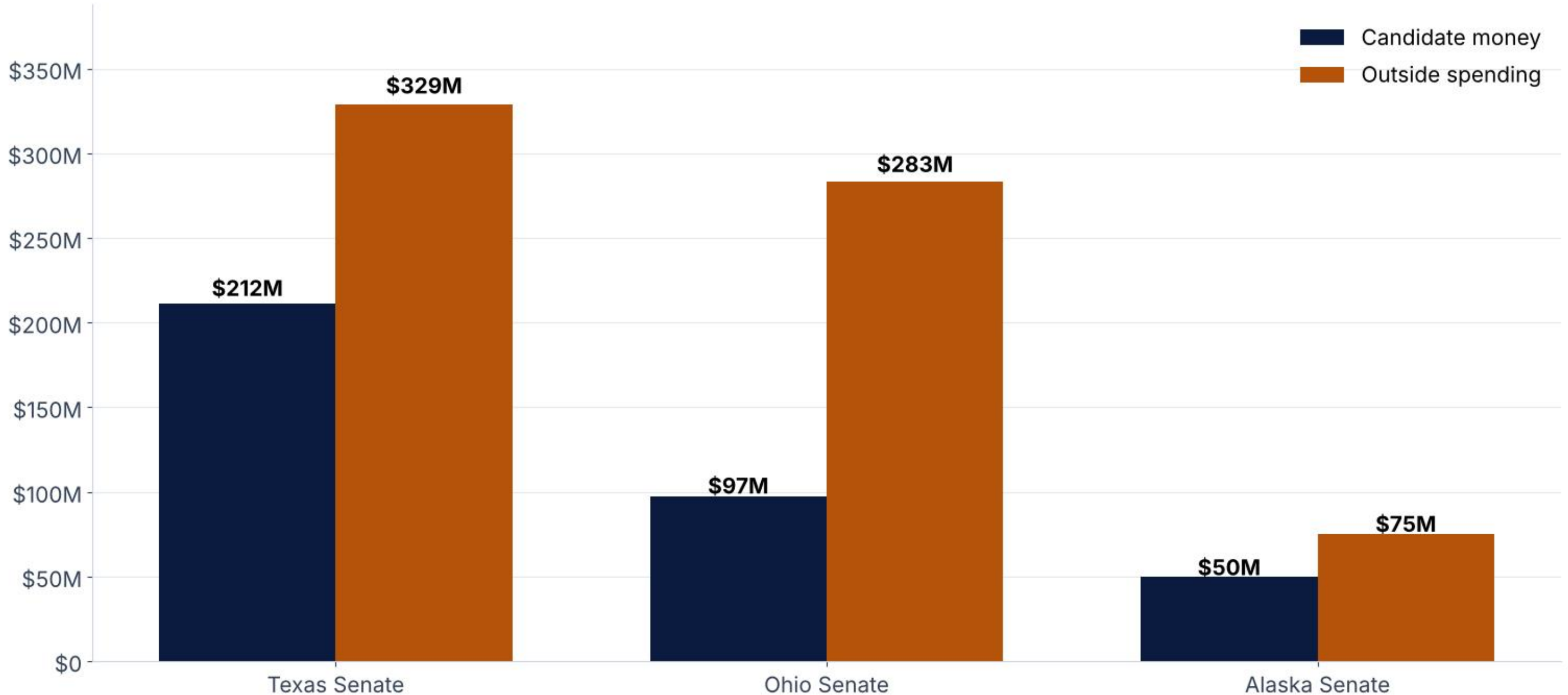
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The 12 candidates drawing the most independent expenditures, 2026



# Ohio, Texas and Alaska: outside money outspends the candidate FinzData

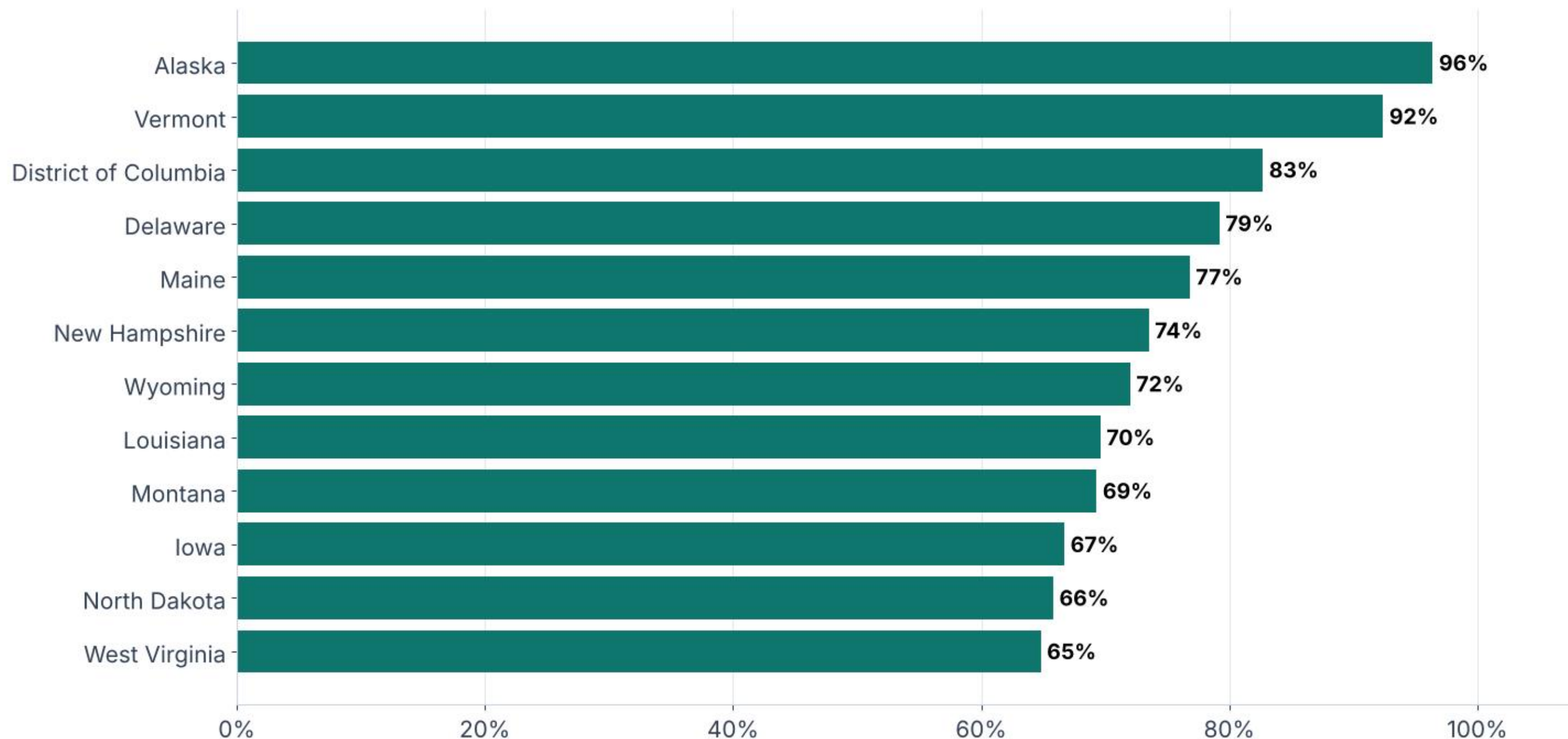
Candidate receipts vs outside spending in three Senate races, 2026



# Who funds your race? Often, someone else's state

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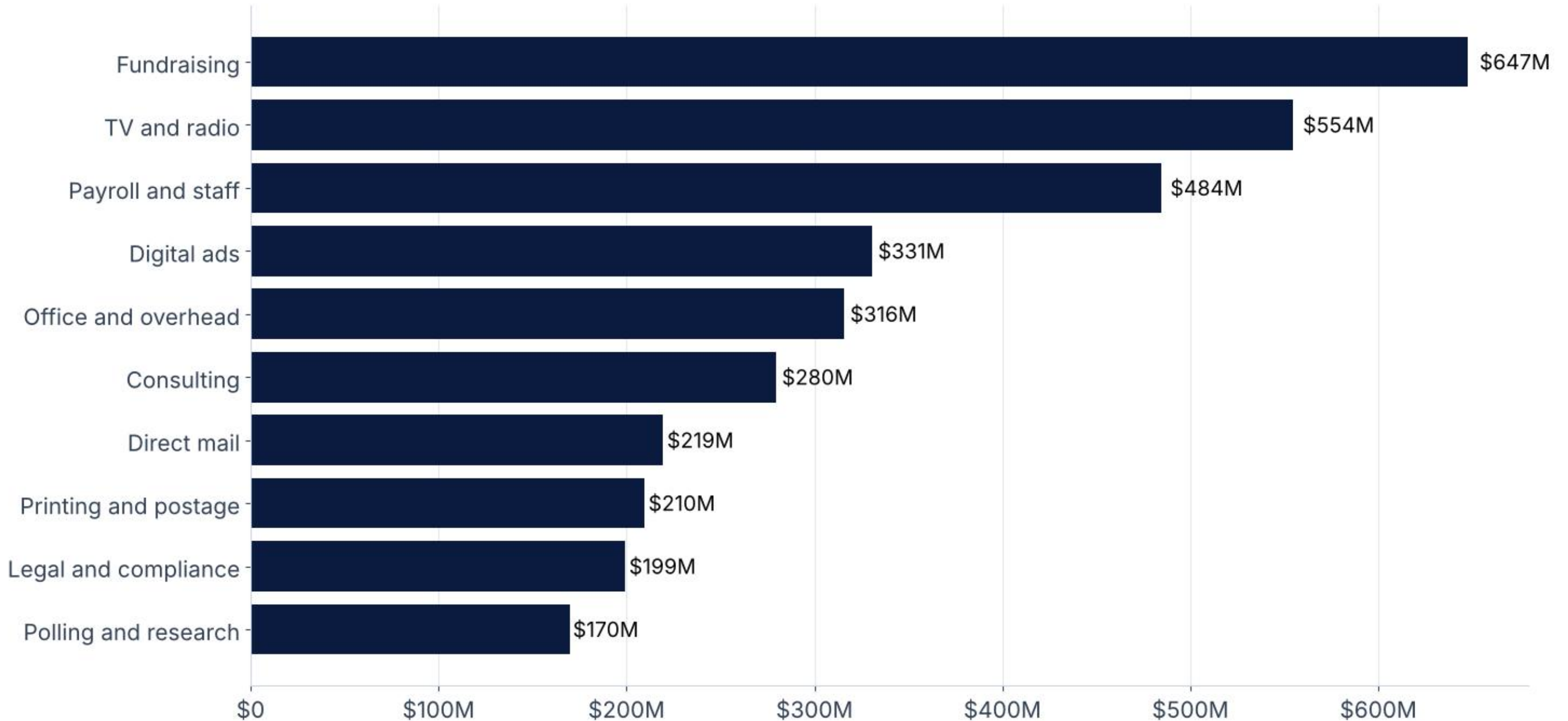
Share of itemized donations to each state's races from out-of-state donors, 2026



# Where the money goes

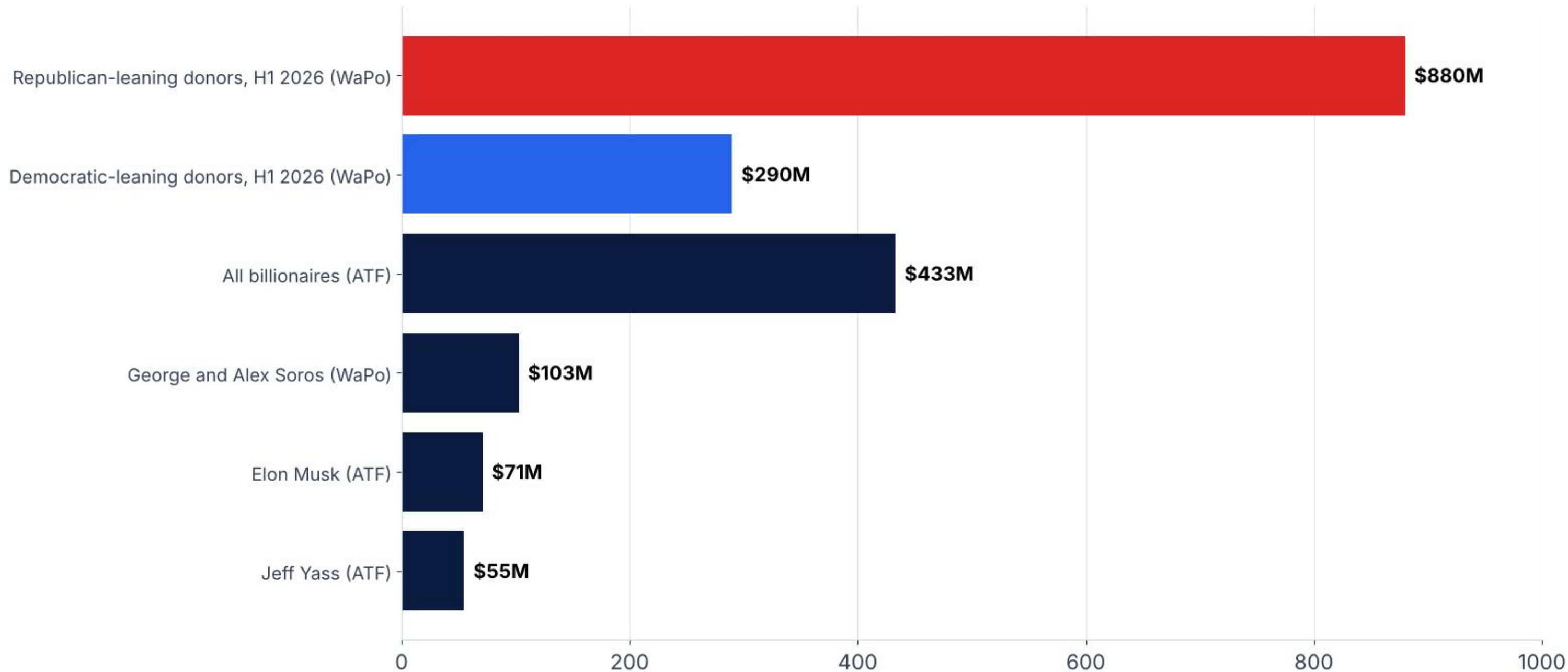
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Campaign spending by category, 2026 cycle to date



# Billionaire donors: the money behind outside groups

Reported giving to the 2026 midterms, \$ millions. Different sources and periods: not additive



Sources: Americans for Tax Fairness and the Washington Post, as reported by Fortune, July 27, 2026 (FEC data). FinzData stores no donor names.