PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY

Internet Applications to Increase Political Finance Transparency

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"What needs to be said, and which in any case everyone knows, is that the greater part of political funding is irregular or illegal"

Bettino Craxi, Former Italian Prime Minister

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant"

Louis Brandeis, Former United States Supreme Court Justice



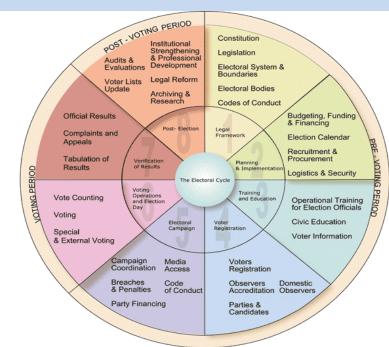
Political finance: Definition

- "Campaign finance"
 - 'the way in which political entities gain resources to conduct election campaigns, and the way in which they spend those resources.'
- "Campaign expenditure"

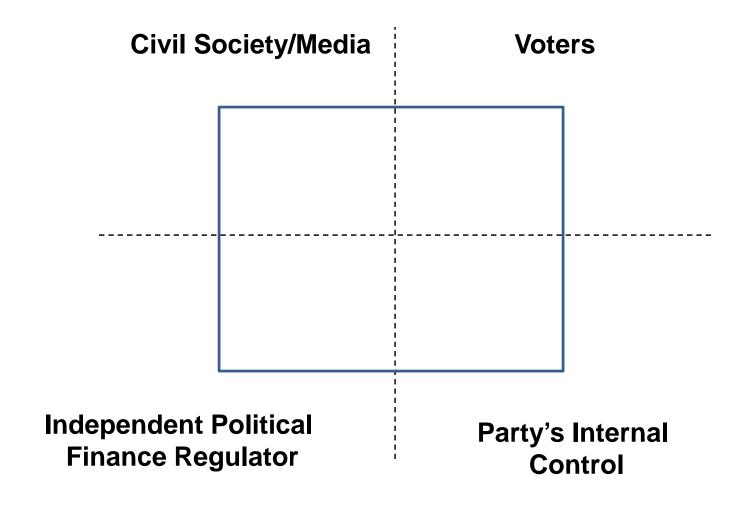
'expenses incurred by a party for the purpose of directly influencing an

election'

- "Party financing"
 - includes also the costs of maintaining permanent offices, carrying out policy research



Effective Control of Political Finance





Effective Control – Independent Regulator

- Non-partisan enforcement agency willing to be unpopular, supported by good appointments and adequate budget
- 2. Aggressive enforcement policy (**REAL time disclosure** and audits and enforcement action DURING the election)
- 3. Systematic and detailed reporting, public access to records and publicity, disclosure of ALL relevant financial information
- 4. Conduct AUDITS, including random audits during the election
- 5. Website, searchable database
- 6. Training for parties and candidates







Political Finance Disclosure

- Disclosure is based on comprehensive and regular exposure of the details of the party's or candidate's finances
- Who gives, how much, to whom, and for what, and when?
- Timing of disclosure and access to information (office, newspapers, web site)



Global and Regional Standards

- UN Convention Against Corruption Art. 7 (3):
 - Each State Party shall also consider taking appropriate legislative and administrative measures to enhance transparency in the funding of candidates for elected public office and, where applicable the funding of political parties
- Council of Europe Recommendation Rec. (2003) 4 on common rules against corruption in the funding of political parties and electoral campaigns
 - Article 13 Obligation to present and make public accounts
 - a. States should require political parties to present the accounts <u>regularly</u>, and at <u>least annually</u>, to the independent authority (...)
 - b. States should require political parties regularly, and at least annually, to make public the accounts (...)
- Council of Europe (Venice Commission), Guidlines on the Finnacing of Politic
 The transparency of electoral expenses should be achieved through the publication of campaign accounts

ICT and Legislative Requirements



Moldova Law on Political Parties No. 294-XVI of 21.12.2007

Article 31 (5) The Central Electoral Commission shall publish on its web page, within two months from the date of elections, the budget of expenditures for electoral campaign of each political party, based on the information presented by the political parties.

- Latvia Law on Financing of Political Organisations (Parties) Article 9. Transparency in financial and economic operations
 - (3) The declarations (...) shall be published in the *Latvijas Vēstnesis* newspaper and on the Internet within 10 days' time after they are submitted, doing so in accordance with procedures defined by the Cabinet of Ministers.

• Georgia (Electoral Code)

48. 11. Information concerning election contribution is open, public and available for everyone. CEC is obliged to give information to all interested persons concerning election campaign fund of electoral subject. CEC is also obliged to ensure the publication of the following information on web page within 2 business days of its adoption.

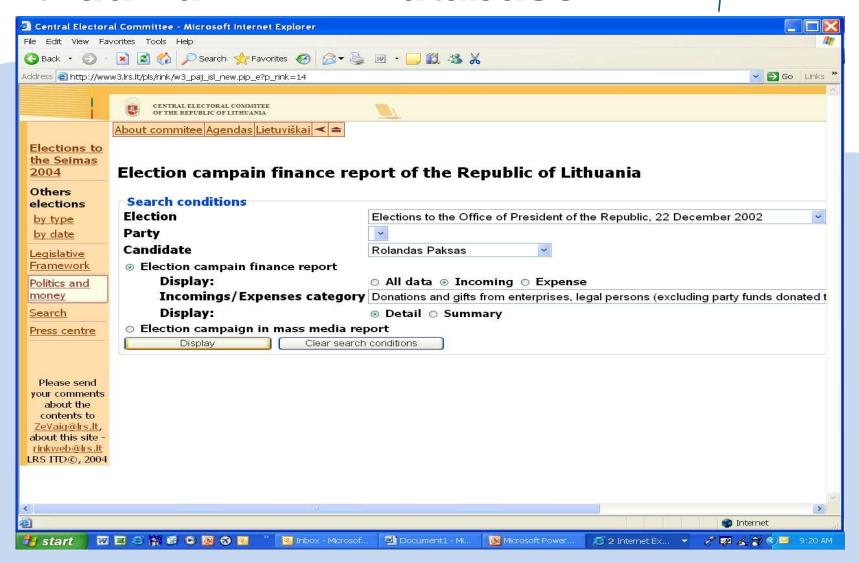


Access to Information

- Right to Know (FOI)
- Kinds of Information
 - Public Documents
 - Assets Disclosure (Candidates)
 - Donor Database
 - Political Finance Accounts
 - Audit Reports
- Secrecy Concerns (post-conflict environment)

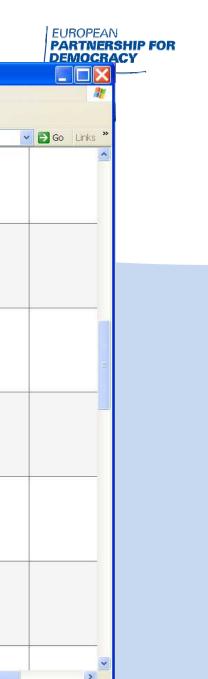


Lithuanian MAP Database



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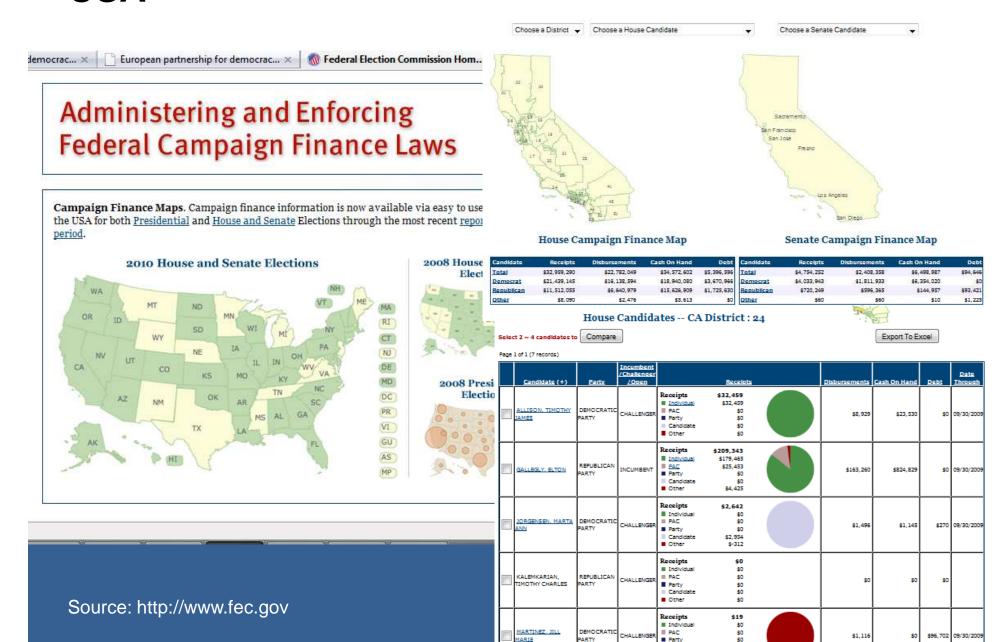
USA



2010 House and Senate Campaign Finance for California

Election Cycle: 2009-2010 (2007-2008

Candidate



Liberia



Home Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidates

Candidates nominations for the position of President, Vice President, were held form the 21 July to 6 August 2005

Presidential Candidates	Financial Disclosure Form	Vice Presidential Candidates	Financial Disclosure Form	Political Party
Barnes, Milton Nathaniel	<u>View</u>	Harris, Parleh D.	View	LDP
Brumskine, Charles Walker	View	Ward, Amelia Angeline	View	LP
Conneh, Sekou Damate	View	Sali, Edward Y	View	PRODEM
Divine, Sr., Samuel Raymond	View	Mamu Sr., Jacob Gbanalagaye	View	Independent
Farhat, David M.	View	Gbollie, S. Ciapha	<u>View</u>	FDP
Jallah, Armah Zolu	View	Sammy, Sr., Isaac G.	View	NPL
Johnson-Sirleaf, Ellen	View	Boakai, Joseph Nyuma	<u>View</u>	UP
Kiadii, George Momodu	View	Mcgill, Washington Shadrack	View	NATVIPOL
Kieh, Jr., George Klay	View	Tokpa, Alaric Kormu	<u>View</u>	NDM
Korto, Joseph D. Z.	View	Barclay, James K.	View	LERP
Kpoto, Robert Momo	View	Singbe, Sylvester Bondo	View	ULD
Kromah, Alhaji G. V.	View	Russel, Emmanuel M.	<u>View</u>	ALCOP
Massaquoi, Roland Chris Yarkpah	View	Paygai, Q. Somah	<u>View</u>	NPP
Morlu, John Sembe	View	Demen, J. Omaxline	View	UDA
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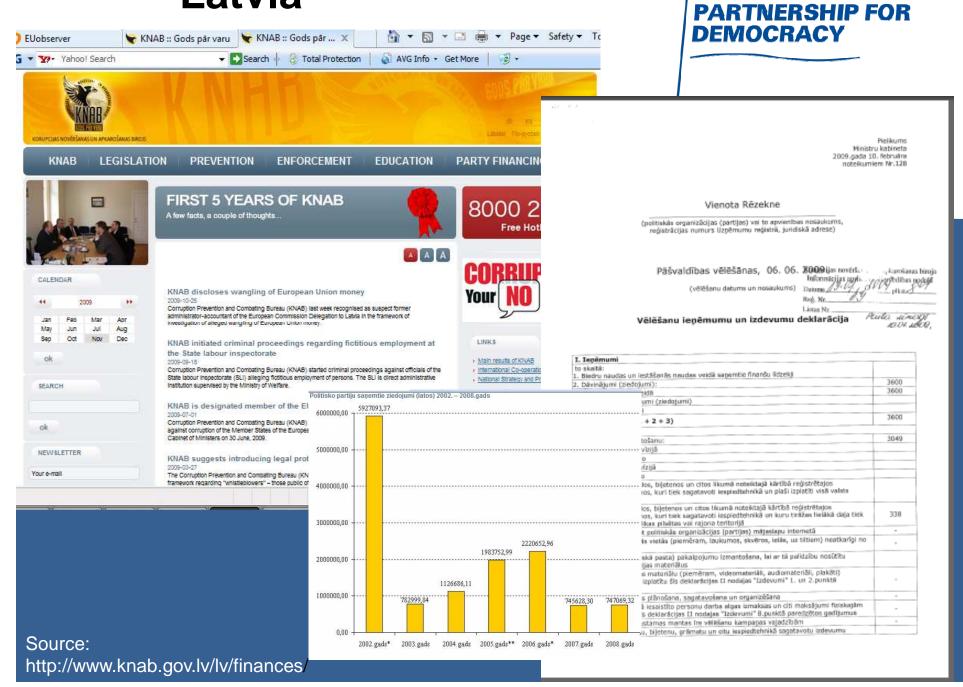
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PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM

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\$5,000.00	Hyun Dai 1100 Treaspert Bus	Liberia
s 7,000-00	HYWAIDAI 1100 TRANSPORT BUS	Liberia
\$ 9,000.00	MITSUBISHI MONTERO	Liberia
\$ 9,916.00	Perkins 44 KVA GEOGRAPOR	Literia
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Quarterly donations report

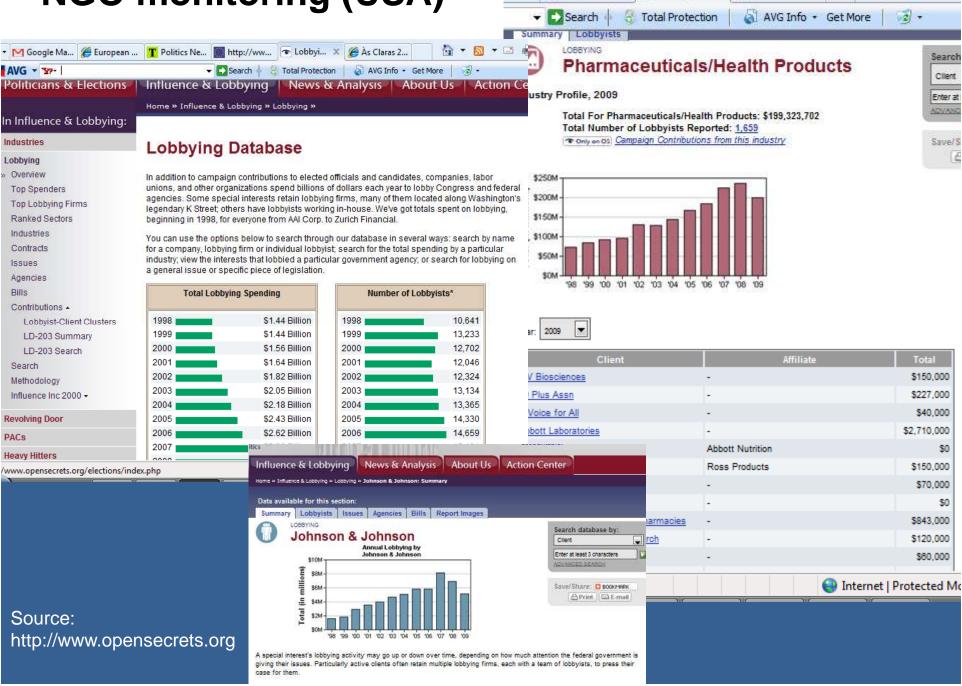
On the 25th of November 2009, we published donations and borrowings accepted by political parties in Quarter 3 2009 (July-September 2009). Click here to view our analysis of Quarter 3.

You can also see the analysis of Quarter 1 2009 and Quarter 2 2009 and the one for the year 2008.

Trends

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NGO monitoring (USA)

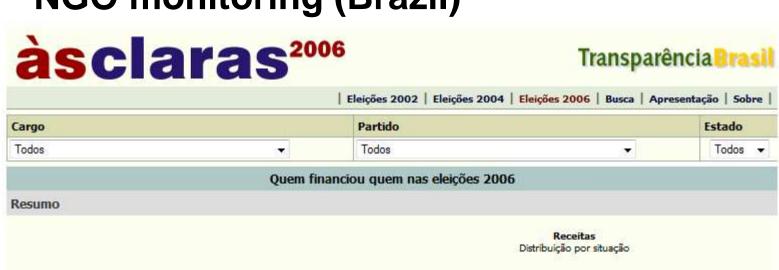


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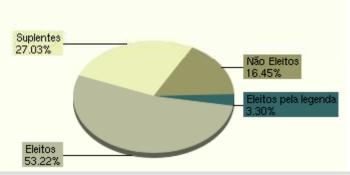
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NGO monitoring (Brazil)



Situação	Candidatos	Votos	Receitas
Eleitos	1,418	279.628.106	R\$ 833.871.212,00
Suplentes	8,523	153.866.123	R\$ 423.587.793,00
Não Eleitos	1,531	89.743.229	R\$ 257.696.859,00
Eleitos pela legenda	209	8.077.474	R\$ 51.695.812,00
Total	11.681	531.314.932	R\$ 1.566.851.676,00

^{*}Outros: renúncias, falecimentos, cassações ou registro negado



Source: http://www.opensecrets.org

Candidatos							
Nome	Cargo	Partido	Número	Estado	Situação	Receitas	
JORGE ELSON SILVA DE SOUZA	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21122	AP	Eleitos	R\$ 52.500,00	
RAYMUNDO THEODORO CARVALHO DE OLIVEIRA	Senador	PCB	212	RJ	Não Eleitos	R\$ 39.150,00	
LEURY SALLES FARIAS	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21112	AP	Suplentes	R\$ 35.850,00	
IVAN MARTINS PINHEIRO	Deputado Federal	PCB	2121	RJ .	Suplentes	R\$ 31.802,00	
FRANCISCO MACHADO SANTANA	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21111	PI	Suplentes	R\$ 17.570,00	
FRANK ALGOT EUGEN SVENSSON	Senador	PCB	211	DF	Não Eleitos	R\$ 17.500,00	
ARISTÉLIO TRAVASSOS DE ANDRADE	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21123	RJ .	Suplentes	R\$ 9.700,00	
ANTONIO OLIVEIRA DA SILVA	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21555	PI	Suplentes	R\$ 4.000,00	
TEODORO ANTONIO DA CRUZ FILHO	Deputado Distrital	PCB	21133	DF	Não Eleitos	R\$ 3.737,00	
GUSTAVO HARDER GONÇALVES	Deputado Federal	PCB	2121	SC	Não Eleitos	R\$ 3.156,00	
WLADIMIR DA SILVA VASCONCELOS	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21111	RJ .	Suplentes	R\$ 2.949,00	
ARIOLINDA ORTEGA GUTIERREZ	Deputado Estadual	PCB	21321	SP	Suplentes	R\$ 2.500,00	
FRANCISCO CARLOS FIRMINO DE SOUSA	Governador	PCB	21	PB	Não Eleitos	R\$ 1.600,00	



Recommendations

- Start with asset disclosure, followed by campaign finance disclosure, online reporting, then online complaints mechanism
- Institutionalization online disclosure recognized by a country specific legal framework and accepted by major stakeholders
- Sustainability database designed according to the capacity of the monitoring agency (e.g. data entry) and supported by independent budget
- User friendly and visible systematic approach with trainings and publications

