

## Money in Politics In Nebraska 2016 Links to Resources

Link	Resource
<a href="#">Campaign Finance Limits State Comparison</a>	Nebraska is one of only 11 states that permit unlimited contributions from individuals to state-level political candidates.
<a href="#">Dark Money</a>	<b>Omaha World Herald</b> 11/1/2016 Ricketts and political group deny having ties, but have same targets in Nebraska
<a href="#">Dark Money</a>	<b>Lincoln Journal Star</b> 3/3/17 Defeated senators support attack ad financial disclosure.
<a href="#">Dataomaha</a>	<b>Omaha World Herald</b> search engine for Nebraska political spending
<a href="#">Executive Encroachment</a>	<b>Mother Jones</b> 11/1/2016 "Republican Governor Is Using His Own Money to Reinstate the Death Penalty"
<a href="#">Executive Encroachment</a>	<b>Omaha World Herald</b> 12/4/17 ACLU of Nebraska sues to block executions, says Ricketts overstepped in referendum process.
<a href="#">FollowtheMoney.org</a>	Campaign finance information for 2016 Unicameral races
<a href="#">Magic Words</a>	<b>Brennen Center for Justice</b> The legal standard for an electioneering ad is the "magic words" test. Only 9 percent of the ads paid for by the congressional and presidential candidates in the 2000 election used the Supreme Court's magic words.
<a href="#">NADC website</a>	The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission administers and enforces the State's campaign finance laws..
<a href="#">Polarization</a>	<b>Washington Post</b> 1/14/14 Despite a long history of nonpartisanship, the Nebraska state legislature has polarized rapidly within the past decade.
<a href="#">States that ban in session fundraisers</a>	<b>National Conference of State Legislatures</b> 28 states place restrictions on giving and receiving campaign contributions during the legislative session. Nebraska is not one of them.
<a href="#">Unitemized Donations</a>	<b>Follow the Money</b> State comparison of reporting thresholds. In Nebraska cumulative donations within a calendar that total \$250 or less are not itemized on campaign finance reports.
<a href="#">Update on Nebraska's ranking</a>	<b>Follow the Money</b> updated Nebraska's score to a "D". This link has a map with new grades and an explanation of the criteria used.
<a href="#">Public Financing of Elections</a>	National Conference of State Legislatures 14 states (not Nebraska) provide some form of public financing option for campaigns.
<a href="#">Americans' View on Money In Politics</a>	Americans, regardless of their political affiliation, agree that money has too much influence on elections, the wealthy have more influence on elections, and candidates who win office promote policies that help their donors.
<a href="#">LB839</a>	<b>Lincoln Journal Star</b> 1/16/2018 LB839, introduced by Sen. Sue Crawford, would require any person who buys more than \$250 of campaign commercials, flyers or other "electioneering communication" materials in the 60 days leading up to an election to report to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.