

## Healthcare Industry Money in Politics

Most Americans agree that the price of healthcare, specifically the cost of prescription drugs, is a serious issue. Many Americans cannot afford these high costs. Controlling drug prices has the support of voters on either side of the aisle, but pharmaceutical companies argue that this will harm new drug development. While some members of Congress have spoken about lowering the costs of prescription drugs, the pharmaceutical industry has contributed to key politicians in committees that oversee health care legislation, blocking attempts to make healthcare affordable. In 2020, the federal government found itself in need of the pharmaceutical industry to create vaccines for COVID-19, increasing the industry's political credibility and reputation, which had been on the decline for the past several years.

### Healthcare Industry Political Contributions:

- ★ The healthcare industry spent \$4.7 billion on lobbying and \$1.3 billion on campaign contributions from 1999-2018.
- ★ The healthcare industry contributed \$654,061,053 to candidates and spent \$1.2 billion on lobbying during the 2020 election cycle.
- ★ The healthcare industry return on investment rose from about \$775 to about \$2020 for every \$1 spent lobbying between 2012 and 2019 (about \$2.4 trillion return on investment in 2020).
- ★ Pfizer's \$1.27 million in contributions during the 2020 election represents roughly 0.003% of their annual revenue (\$42 billion).
- ★ More than two-thirds of Congress received political contributions from the healthcare industry.
- ★ Almost all candidates who accepted money from pharmaceutical companies won their reelection campaigns.
- ★ Over one-third of all state lawmakers nationwide received campaign contributions from pharmaceutical companies.

### Pharmaceutical Lobbying and the COVID-19 Vaccine:

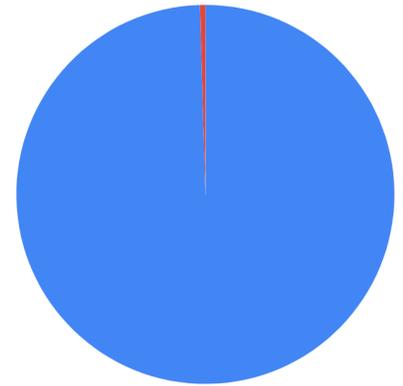
- ★ In 2021, Pfizer, BioNTech, and Moderna were earning combined profits of \$65,000 **every minute**, for a total profit of \$34.1 billion.
- ★ Pfizer earned \$33.5 billion from its COVID vaccine in 2021, making it one of the bestselling drug products ever produced.
- ★ Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) - which lobbies on behalf of pharmaceutical companies including Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson - made dark money contributions to Democrats and Republicans in 2020.
- ★ Recipients of BIO's contributions sided with BIO against proposals to share vaccine intellectual property with low-income countries, ensuring a policy environment that puts private companies in the position of sole owners of vaccine technology, with the final say over price and production level.
- ★ Research and development of new drugs is partially paid for in taxpayer dollars

### Healthcare Industry and NH Politics:

- ★ New Hampshire has one of the highest rates of overdose deaths per 100,000 people in the country.
- ★ In 2020 the pharmaceutical industry donated: \$26,000 to Ann Kuster, \$9,500 to Jeanne Shaheen, and \$13,500 to Maggie Hassan.
- ★ Pharmaceutical companies donated nearly \$665,000 to New Hampshire's state and federal candidates between 2006 and 2015.

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