



Santa Clara County
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Democratic Party: Because this election matters

Nader took organized Republican contributions in 2000...he's doing so again in 2004.

"I'm going to appeal to everyone in this race.
It will make it unnecessary in the end for an alternative."

[Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry](#)

[Ralph and the Republicans](#)

In 2004 not only has Ralph Nader accepted substantial financial help from Republican stalwarts as part of a Republican effort to boost Bush's chances at the polls, but also Nader has accepted their help to get his name on the ballot in Michigan. Nader [insists](#) that he will take more votes from George W. Bush than from Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry. Obviously, Nader is [not being truthful](#) either with the American voters, himself, or both. In addition to all the help Republicans are providing his campaign this year, Nader also accepted substantial financial help from Republicans during Campaign 2000.

Considering Nader took money from official GOP sources in 2000 and is again taking GOP money in his 2004 campaign, it is possible to conclude Nader is abandoning his distinguished consumer advocacy for socially conservative positions reflecting the Republicans who fund him. For example, Nader has asserted "rhetoric" was the only difference between Pro-Choice Democratic Presidential Nominee Al Gore and Anti-Choice Republican Nominee George W. Bush. Nader was wrong. American voters deserve better.

"I don't know where you're getting that we're taking Republican money."

[Ralph Nader](#), 2004

"Republicans, for their part, reacted to Nader's entry with joy. 'We're happy that Ralph Nader's joined the fray.'

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee (R)

["Nader Defends Candidacy as Democrats Criticize Decision to Run,"

[Washington Post](#), February 23, 2004]

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2004: Major Republican Supporters Fund Nader to Drain Votes from Democratic Candidate John Kerry.

"Billionaire Richard J. Egan built his reputation in politics as a major donor and fund-raiser for the Bush campaign, steering hundreds of thousands of dollars into Republican coffers in recent years. But now it appears Egan and his relatives are bankrolling a new candidate: independent presidential contender Ralph Nader." ["Major Bush Fund-Raiser Donates to Nader Campaign," [Boston Globe](#), July 1, 2004]

"[T]he Egan's sudden interest in Nader seems to reflect a more sophisticated strategy by Republicans to draw support away from Democratic challenger John F. Kerry by bolstering his third-party rival." ["Major Bush Fund-Raiser Donates to Nader Campaign," [Boston Globe](#), July 1, 2004]

Republicans: Nearly 10 percent of Nader's Big Contributors

Nearly 10 percent of the Nader contributors who have given him at least \$250 each have a history of supporting the Republican president, national GOP candidates or the party, according to computer-assisted review of financial records by The Dallas Morning News." ["GOP Donors Double Dipping With Nader," [Dallas Morning News](#), March 26, 2004]

2000: Republicans Paid for Nader Ads in Three Pivotal States

"One group, the Republican Leadership Council, has prepared a television commercial in which Mr. Nader attacks Mr. Gore and is ready to broadcast it in Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin, where the Green Party has made significant inroads among Democrats." ["Republican Ads Use Nader in an Effort to Attack Gore," [New York Times](#), October 28, 2000]

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"Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington . . . says the Oregon Family Council and Citizens for a Sound Economy violated election laws last week by telephoning people and urging them to help Nader get on Oregon's ballot in November." ["Watchdog Group Complains About Nader Aid," [Boston Globe](#), June 30, 2004]

"Both groups acknowledge trying to influence Nader's petition drive Saturday in Oregon, in hopes that getting him on the ballot would take votes away from Democrat John Kerry and help Bush win the battleground state." ["Watchdog Group Complains About Nader Aid," [Boston Globe](#), June 30, 2004]

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington "filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission accusing the Oregon groups of breaking campaign laws with their efforts on Nader's behalf. The complaint also names the Bush and Nader campaigns, saying that reports of the Bush campaign using its resources to help Nader, and Nader's acceptance of the assistance, would amount to illegal campaign activity." ["Major Bush Fund-Raiser Donates to Nader Campaign," [Boston Globe](#), July 1, 2004]

MICHIGAN GOP GATHERING SIGNATURES TO PUT NADER ON MICHIGAN BALLOT

"Michigan Republicans are helping gather signatures to place independent Ralph Nader on the presidential ballot in the battleground state, irritating Democrats who accuse the GOP of trying to pull votes away from candidate John Kerry.

"It's another example of state Republicans willing to try every unethical trick in the book to hold power," Democratic Executive Chairman Mark Brewer said Thursday. "This clearly shows that a vote for Ralph Nader is a vote to re-elect George Bush. The Republicans know that, and that's why they are desperate to have Nader on the Michigan ballot." ["Michigan GOP Gathers Names For Nader," [Troy Record/Associated Press](#), July 9, 2004]

NADER IS NO FRIEND ON ABORTION OR GAY RIGHTS

Nader Claims Republicans and Democrats Identical

"Nader ... argued that there is no real difference between Republicans and Democrats on the issue of abortion. 'What's the difference, other than rhetoric?' ... '[N]either Bush nor Gore would make much of a difference in protecting a woman's right to choose.'" ["Women, Gays Say Nader Not Defending Their Rights: Groups Maintain That Vote for Him is Vote for Bush," [San Francisco Chronicle](#), September 14, 2000]

Nader Doesn't Support Roe v Wade

". . . whether the election of Mr. Bush might lead to the overturning of the landmark case legalizing abortion, Mr. Nader said, 'Even if Roe vs. Wade is reversed, that doesn't end it. It just reverts it back to the states.'" ["Democrats Ask Nader to Back Gore in Swing States," [New York Times](#), October 31, 2000]

NOTE: Although Ralph Nader has strongly advocated federal standards for clean air, safe cars, and safe water, he does not advocate federal standards for women's reproductive health care, choice, and legal rights for gay and lesbian Americans.

Nader Dismisses Roe

"This is a snare and a delusion [Roe v Wade]. Even in the unlikely event of the Supreme Court repealing Roe vs. Wade, there isn't a chance in hell that a state would destroy the Republican Party by passing restrictions on the pro-life side." ["Crashing The Party," [Rolling Stone Magazine](#), September 14, 2000]

Nader Labels Abortion and Gay Rights as "Gonadal Politics"

"In a 1996 interview with William Safire of The New York Times, Nader dismissed gay rights and abortion as 'gonadal politics.'" ["Green Party Presidential Hopeful Ralph Nader Puts Himself Forward as the Alternative to Gay Politics as Usual," [The Advocate](#), October 24, 2000]

Nader Was WRONG!

Bush Signs first laws to criminalize abortion since Roe v Wade. Outlaws range of procedures used as early as 1st trimester

According to NARAL Pro-Choice America, "Claims that this [late term abortion law] only affects a specific procedure or only late-term abortions are wrong. This is a broad ban that covers a range of procedures used as early as 12 or 13 weeks of pregnancy. This is the first federal law since Roe v. Wade criminalizing abortion procedures." ["George Bush's Abortion Ban: How to Talk About It" [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#)]

Bush creates never-before established fetal rights—from the moment of conception.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Press Release explains.

"The new law amends the federal criminal code to create a new separate offense that would be applied if, during the commission of certain federal crimes, an individual causes the death of -- or bodily injury to -- what the sponsors call a "child in utero." Because the Act applies to all stages of prenatal development, it is the first federal law to recognize a zygote (fertilized egg), a blastocyst (pre-implantation embryo), an embryo (through week eight of a pregnancy) or a fetus as an independent "victim" of a crime with legal rights distinct from the woman who has been harmed by a violent criminal act. "

[Nader Was WRONG! \(cont'd.\)](#)

"Congress could have chosen to protect pregnant women from violence without assaulting reproductive rights, but it failed to do so," said Laura W. Murphy, Director of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office. "There is little doubt that this law is a thinly veiled attempt to create fetal rights and by doing so undermines reproductive freedom."

"The ACLU said that any attempt to endow the fetus with legal rights distinct from the pregnant woman could lead to an undermining of Roe v. Wade. The ACLU pointed to a statement made by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, showing that the Act would affect reproductive rights. Responding to critics of the bill as it was pending in Congress, he said, "they say it undermines abortion rights. It does undermine it. But that's irrelevant."

"With all due respect to Senator Hatch, the preservation of reproductive rights is relevant for millions of Americans," Murphy said. "Violence against pregnant women that results in the loss of or harm to a wanted pregnancy is a criminal act that should be appropriately punished. There were alternatives—that Congress failed to adopt—that would have focused on the devastating loss or injury to the woman without undermining reproductive freedom." ["President Bush Signs Anti-Choice Measure Into Law; ACLU Decries New Law as Undermining Reproductive Rights," ["President Bush Signs Anti-Choice Measure Into Law; ACLU Decries New Law as Undermining Reproductive Rights," [American Civil Liberties Union Press Release](#), April 1, 2004.]

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[NADER'S PETITION DRIVE TO GET ON THE BALLOT IN ARIZONA](#)

[Democrats Bring Lawsuit Sue to Guarantee Nader Plays By Same Rules](#)

"The Democrats' lawsuit alleged that more than 70 percent of the 21,500 petition signatures filed on behalf of Nader are invalid. Nader needs 14,694 valid signatures to get on the Arizona ballot. Democrats Dorothy Schultz and Betty Elizabeth Hughes alleged that some of the people who circulated petitions for Nader didn't meet residency requirements and other qualifications. Three of the petition circulators are prohibited from gathering signatures because they are convicted felons, the lawsuit said." ["Arizona Democrats File Challenge to Nader," [The Arizona Republic](#), June 24, 2004]

[Arizona Democratic State Party: Nader Must Follow the Law](#)

"If (Nader) is going to be on the ballot, it has to be in a legitimate way,' said Arizona Democratic Chairman Jim Pederson. The Arizona Democratic Party, which under state law can't file the challenge in its name, said it supports the lawsuit." ["Arizona Democrats File Challenge to Nader," [The Arizona Republic](#), June 24, 2004]

"The chairman of the state Democratic Party called Monday for an investigation into whether a Republican consultant is a major source of funding for a petition drive to put Ralph Nader on Arizona's presidential election ballot." ["GOP Aids Nader, Dem Says," [The Arizona Republic](#), June 8, 2004]

[Kerry Campaign: Arizona Democratic State Party Has Right to Ensure Rules Are Followed](#)

"Kerry spokeswoman Allison Dobson said the state party has a right to make sure the rules are followed. 'We're abiding by them and it's only fair that others abide by them, too,' Dobson said". ["Arizona Democrats File Challenge to Nader," [The Arizona Republic](#), June 24, 2004]

[Nader Campaign Concedes Not Enough Legal Signatures to Qualify For Arizona Ballot](#)

"As a Maricopa County Superior Court judge prepared to hear arguments in the case, Nader campaign attorney Richard Mahrle conceded there were 'technical errors' in the ballot petition and said Nader would not contest the lawsuit. Judge Mark Armstrong then issued an order that Nader be kept off the state ballot." ["Nader Backers Abandon Ariz. Ballot Effort," [Troy Record Online Edition](#), July 2, 2004]

[Other Setbacks: Green Party Reject Nader](#)

Nader “suffered a setback last week when the Green Party, which has ballot lines in 22 states and the District of Columbia, declined to endorse him. He has been endorsed by the Reform Party, which has ballot lines in at least seven states.” [“Nader Won't Be on the Ballot in Arizona,” Washington Post, July 3, 2004]

[Nader Targets California](#)

“In California, Nader will have to gather more than 150,000 signatures to get on the ballot as an independent. Nader tapped longtime Green activist Peter Camejo as his running mate this week, a step his supporters hoped would bolster his chances of winning the party's endorsement.”

“Nader recently was polling about 6 percent nationally.”
[Associated Press poll conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs, June 2004](#)

[Democrats, Pro-Choice Leaders: Nader Is No Friend to American Women](#)

“Nader may be dismissive of the right to choose, but we are not,’ Rep. Nita Lowey [D-NY] said. ‘Many states would be poised to criminalize abortion immediately, if only given the chance.’” [“Democrats Ask Nader to Back Gore in Swing States,” [New York Times](#), October 31, 2000]

“Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, said Nader ‘cavalierly dismissed the threat to women's rights as the result of a George W. Bush election. Ralph Nader is no friend of American women.’” [“Green Party Nominee Ralph Nader, the Most Vilified Man in the Presidential Election, Counts no Heroes Among His Critics” [CNN All Politics](#), November 20, 2000]

[John Kerry: Strongly Supports a Woman's Right to Choose](#)

As president, John Kerry will support only pro-choice judges to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kerry believes:

- women have the right to control their bodies, their lives, and their destinies
- the Constitution protects a woman's right to choose and to make her own decisions in consultation with her doctor, her conscience, and her God
- in promoting family planning and health plans which provide contraceptive coverage
[“Standing up for Fairness, Dignity, Rights of Women and Opening Doors for their Success” [John Kerry for President Website](#)]

The Democratic Party:
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