

The 265 members of Congress who sold you out to ISPs, and how much it cost to buy them

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They betrayed you for chump change

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Republicans in Congress [just voted to reverse a landmark FCC privacy rule](#) that opens the door for ISPs to sell customer data. Lawmakers provided no credible reason for this being in the interest of Americans, except for vague platitudes

about “consumer choice” and “free markets,” as if consumers at the mercy of their local internet monopoly are craving to have their web history quietly sold to marketers and any other third party willing to pay.

The only people who seem to want this are the people who are going to make lots of money from it. (Hint: they work for companies like Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T.) Incidentally, these people and their companies routinely give lots of money to members of Congress.

So here is a list of the lawmakers who voted to betray you, and how much money they received from the telecom industry in their most recent election cycle.

Note on the data below: donations include contributions from corporations in the telecom industry and employees of those corporations (individual and non-individual contributions). The largest donors tend to be corporations which contributed funds to the candidate and / or the candidate’s leadership organization (PAC). All figures only reflect donations tallied for the candidate’s most recent election — many have received total sums much larger than the figure reflected over the course of their career in Congress. Figures are from federal election data [compiled by the National Institute on Money in State Politics \(www.followthemoney.org\)](http://www.followthemoney.org).



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Additionally, it’s important to note that the communications industry is one of the

largest lobbying groups in US history; internet providers and the telephone companies before them are notorious for spreading wealth across the aisle. Regardless, one party seems more responsive to the industry's demands.

US SENATE

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MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	TOTAL
Alexander, Lamar	Republican	TN	\$86,400
Barrasso, John	Republican	WY	\$63,000
Blunt, Roy	Republican	MO	\$185,550
Boozman, John	Republican	AR	\$56,450
Burr, Richard	Republican	NC	\$58,500
Capito, Shelley	Republican	WV	\$24,675
Cassidy, Bill	Republican	LA	\$34,909
Cochran, Thad	Republican	MS	\$123,750
Collins, Susan	Republican	ME	\$57,550
Corker, Bob	Republican	TN	\$43,600
Cornyn, John	Republican	TX	\$148,800
Cotton, Tom	Republican	AR	\$70,025
Crapo, Mike	Republican	ID	\$11,000
Cruz, Ted	Republican	TX	\$40,840
Daines, Steve	Republican	MT	\$38,700
Enzi, Mike	Republican	WY	\$45,100

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	TOTAL
Ernst, Joni	Republican	IA	\$28,200
Fischer, Debra	Republican	NE	\$21,850
Flake, Jeff	Republican	AZ	\$27,955
Gardner, Cory	Republican	CO	\$95,023
Graham, Lindsey	Republican	SC	\$74,522
Grassley, Chuck	Republican	IA	\$135,125
Hatch, Orrin	Republican	UT	\$106,750
Heller, Dean	Republican	NV	\$78,950
Hoeven, John	Republican	ND	\$25,800
Inhofe, Jim	Republican	OK	\$38,000
Johnson, Ron	Republican	WI	\$123,652
Kennedy, John	Republican	LA	\$1,000
Lankford, James	Republican	OK	\$21,000
Lee, Mike	Republican	UT	\$60,913
McCain, John	Republican	AZ	\$84,125
McConnell, Mitch	Republican	KY	\$251,110
Moran, Jerry	Republican	KS	\$130,950
Murkowski, Lisa	Republican	AK	\$66,250
Perdue, David	Republican	GA	\$37,000
Portman, Rob	Republican	OH	\$89,350
Risch, Jim	Republican	ID	\$27,000

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	TOTAL
Roberts, Pat	Republican	KS	\$100,200
Rounds, Mike	Republican	SD	\$40,166
Rubio, Marco	Republican	FL	\$75,535
Sasse, Benjamin	Republican	NE	\$31,800
Scott, Tim	Republican	SC	\$60,200
Shelby, Richard	Republican	AL	\$27,000
Strange, Luther	Republican	AL	\$0*
Sullivan, Daniel	Republican	AK	\$10,550
Thune, John	Republican	SD	\$215,000
Tillis, Thom	Republican	NC	\$41,220
Toomey, Patrick	Republican	PA	\$143,456
Wicker, Roger	Republican	MS	\$151,800
Young, Todd	Republican	IN	\$28,670

**Senator Strange was appointed to Congress in February 2017 to fill Attorney General Jeff Sessions' seat.*

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Search:

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Abraham, Ralph	Republican	LA	5th	\$5,750
Aderholt, Robert	Republican	AL	4th	\$26,500

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Allen, Rick	Republican	GA	12th	\$9,500
Amodei, Mark	Republican	NV	2nd	\$22,000
Arrington, Jodey	Republican	TX	19th	\$8,450
Babin, Brian	Republican	TX	36th	\$8,000
Bacon, Donald	Republican	NE	2nd	\$7,000
Banks, Jim	Republican	IN	3rd	\$12,100
Barletta, Lou	Republican	PA	11th	\$14,700
Barr, Andy	Republican	KY	6th	\$28,400
Barton, Joe	Republican	TX	6th	\$39,750
Bergman, Jack	Republican	MI	1st	\$21,200
Biggs, Andy	Republican	AZ	5th	\$5,000
Bilirakis, Gus	Republican	FL	12th	\$55,000
Bishop, Mike	Republican	MI	8th	\$40,500
Bishop, Rob	Republican	UT	1st	\$5,500
Black, Diane	Republican	TN	6th	\$27,750
Blackburn, Marsha	Republican	TN	7th	\$84,000
Blum, Rodney	Republican	IA	1st	\$5,500
Bost, Mike	Republican	IL	12th	\$29,750
Brady, Kevin	Republican	TX	8th	\$20,000
Brat, David	Republican	VA	7th	\$6,000
Bridenstine, Jim	Republican	OK	1st	\$1,000

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Brooks, Susan	Republican	IN	5th	\$44,300
Buchanan, Vern	Republican	FL	16th	\$18,900
Buck, Ken	Republican	CO	4th	\$15,750
Bucshon, Larry	Republican	IN	8th	\$33,000
Budd, Theodore	Republican	NC	13th	\$10,000
Burgess, Michael	Republican	TX	26th	\$39,500
Byrne, Bradley	Republican	AL	1st	\$17,500
Calvert, Ken	Republican	CA	42nd	\$12,000
Carter, Buddy	Republican	GA	1st	\$12,250
Carter, John	Republican	TX	31st	\$22,500
Chabot, Steven	Republican	OH	1st	\$25,500
Chaffetz, Jason	Republican	UT	3rd	\$38,100
Cheney, Liz	Republican	WY	1st	\$18,400
Cole, Tom	Republican	OK	4th	\$14,000
Collins, Doug	Republican	GA	9th	\$42,850
Collins, Chris	Republican	NY	27th	\$57,500
Comer, James	Republican	KY	1st	\$14,750
Comstock, Barbara	Republican	VA	10th	\$56,457
Conaway, Mike	Republican	TX	11th	\$18,500
Cook, Paul	Republican	CA	8th	\$15,000
Costello, Ryan	Republican	PA	6th	\$38,750

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Cramer, Kevin	Republican	ND	1st	\$71,750
Crawford, Eric	Republican	AR	1st	\$9,000
Culberson, John	Republican	TX	7th	\$8,000
Curbelo, Carlos	Republican	FL	26th	\$45,700
Davis, Rodney	Republican	IL	13th	\$49,000
Denham, Jeffrey	Republican	CA	10th	\$47,000
Dent, Charles	Republican	PA	15th	\$25,200
DeSantis, Ron	Republican	FL	6th	\$21,634
DesJarlais, Scott	Republican	TN	4th	\$3,000
Diaz-Balart, Mario	Republican	FL	25th	\$26,500
Donovan, Daniel	Republican	NY	11th	\$16,000
Duncan, Jeff	Republican	SC	3rd	\$12,610
Dunn, Neal	Republican	FL	2nd	\$13,750
Emmer, Thomas	Republican	MN	6th	\$18,500
Farenthold, Blake	Republican	TX	27th	\$19,000
Ferguson, Anderson	Republican	GA	3rd	\$7,000
Fitzpatrick, Brian**	Republican	PA	8th	\$32,600
Fleischmann, Chuck	Republican	TN	3rd	\$18,000
Flores, Bill	Republican	TX	17th	\$40,500
Fortenberry, Jeff	Republican	NE	1st	\$3,500
Foxx, Virginia	Republican	NC	5th	\$13,250

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Franks, Trent	Republican	AZ	8th	\$16,500
Frelinghuysen, Rodney	Republican	NJ	11th	\$55,456
Gaetz, Matt	Republican	FL	1st	\$7,000
Gallagher, Mike	Republican	WI	8th	\$16,019
Garrett, Tom*	Republican	VA	5th	\$3,250
Gibbs, Robert	Republican	OH	7th	\$8,000
Gohmert, Louie	Republican	TX	1st	\$8,000
Goodlatte, Bob	Republican	VA	6th	\$73,950
Gosar, Paul	Republican	AZ	4th	\$2,000
Gowdy, Harold	Republican	SC	4th	\$15,750
Granger, Kay	Republican	TX	12th	\$15,000
Graves, John	Republican	GA	14th	\$34,000
Graves, Sam	Republican	MO	6th	\$31,000
Griffith, Tim	Republican	AR	2nd	\$16,915
Griffith, Morgan	Republican	VA	9th	\$36,500
Grothman, Glenn	Republican	WI	6th	\$10,600
Guthrie, Steven	Republican	KY	2nd	\$81,500
Harper, Gregg	Republican	MS	3rd	\$33,800
Harriis, Andy	Republican	MD	1st	\$3,000
Hartzler, Vicki	Republican	MO	4th	\$10,500
Hensarling, Jeb	Republican	TX	5th	\$10,000

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Hice, Jody	Republican	GA	10th	\$6,000
Higgins, Clay	Republican	LA	3rd	\$300
Holding, George	Republican	NC	2nd	\$31,100
Hollingsworth, Trey	Republican	IN	9th	\$10,000
Hudson, Richard	Republican	NC	8th	\$45,400
Huizenga, Bill	Republican	MI	2nd	\$7,500
Hultgreen, Randy	Republican	IL	14th	\$10,000
Hunter, Duncan	Republican	CA	50th	\$19,000
Hurd, William	Republican	TX	23rd	\$63,000
Issa, Darrell	Republican	CA	49th	\$66,275
Jenkins, Lynn	Republican	KS	2nd	\$34,750
Jenkins, Evan	Republican	WV	3rd	\$10,000
Johnson, Bill	Republican	OH	6th	\$56,500
Johnson, Sam	Republican	TX	3rd	\$16,700
Jordan, James	Republican	OH	4th	\$24,750
Joyce, David	Republican	OH	14th	\$16,500
Katko, John	Republican	NY	24th	\$32,250
Kelly, Trent	Republican	MS	1st	\$3,300
Kelly, Mike	Republican	PA	3rd	\$34,700
King, Steve	Republican	IA	4th	\$20,500
King, Peter	Republican	NY	2nd	\$9,000

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Kinzinger, Adam	Republican	IL	16th	\$75,250
Knight, Steve	Republican	CA	25th	\$32,500
Kustoff, David	Republican	TN	8th	\$16,300
Labrador, Raul	Republican	ID	1st	\$10,000
LaHood, Darin	Republican	IL	18th	\$15,500
LaMalfa, Doug	Republican	CA	1st	\$5,000
Lamborn, Doug	Republican	CO	5th	\$28,400
Lance, Leonard	Republican	NJ	7th	\$43,000
Latta, Bob	Republican	OH	5th	\$91,000
Lewis, Jason	Republican	MN	2nd	\$10,500
LoBiondo, Frank	Republican	NJ	2nd	\$14,500
Long, Billy	Republican	MO	7th	\$57,250
Loudermilk, Barry	Republican	GA	11th	\$8,000
Love, Mia	Republican	UT	4th	\$16,500
Lucas, Frank	Republican	OK	3rd	\$14,500
Luetkemeyer, Blaine	Republican	MO	3rd	\$21,000
MacArthur, Tom	Republican	NJ	3rd	\$19,000
Marchant, Kenny	Republican	TX	24th	\$12,000
Marshall, Roger	Republican	KS	1st	\$20,500
Massie, Thomas	Republican	KY	4th	\$2,750
Mast, Brian	Republican	FL	18th	\$10,500

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
McCarthy, Kevin	Republican	CA	23rd	\$99,100
McCaul, Michael	Republican	TX	10th	\$37,200
McHenry, Patrick	Republican	NC	10th	\$51,000
McKinley, David	Republican	WV	1st	\$24,500
McSally, Martha	Republican	AZ	2nd	\$40,500
Meadows, Mark	Republican	NC	11th	\$4,000
Meehan, Patrick	Republican	PA	7th	\$64,200
Messer, Luke	Republican	IN	6th	\$18,750
Mitchell, Paul**	Republican	MI	10th	\$10,000
McMorris-Rogers, Cathy**	Republican	WA	5th	\$75,900
Moolenaar, John	Republican	MI	4th	\$12,500
Mooney, Alexander	Republican	WV	2nd	\$6,000
Mullin, Markwayne	Republican	OK	2nd	\$47,250
Murphy, Timothy	Republican	PA	18th	\$26,000
Newhouse, Daniel	Republican	WA	4th	\$10,000
Noem, Kristi	Republican	SD	1st	\$38,200
Nunes, Devin	Republican	CA	22nd	\$37,750
Olson, Pete	Republican	TX	22nd	\$57,500
Palazzo, Steven	Republican	MS	4th	\$11,100
Palmer, Gary	Republican	AL	6th	\$2,000
Paulsen, Erik	Republican	MN	3rd	\$50,500

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Pearce, Steve	Republican	NM	2nd	\$20,400
Perry, Scott	Republican	PA	4th	\$17,000
Poe, Ted	Republican	TX	2nd	\$23,000
Poliquin, Bruce	Republican	ME	2nd	\$47,500
Posey, Bill	Republican	FL	8th	\$3,000
Ratcliffe, John	Republican	TX	4th	\$24,500
Reed, Thomas	Republican	NY	23rd	\$31,500
Renacci, Jim	Republican	OH	16th	\$48,000
Rice, Hugh	Republican	SC	7th	\$18,500
Roby, Martha	Republican	AL	2nd	\$33,200
Roe, Phil	Republican	TN	1st	\$500
Rogers, Mike	Republican	AL	3rd	\$25,000
Rogers, Hal	Republican	KY	5th	\$12,500
Rohrabacher, Dana	Republican	CA	48th	\$1,350
Rokita, Todd	Republican	IN	4th	\$20,200
Rooney, Laurence	Republican	FL	19th	\$16,625
Rooney, Tom	Republican	FL	17th	\$19,000
Roskam, Peter	Republican	IL	6th	\$33,600
Ross, Dennis	Republican	FL	15th	\$17,000
Rothfus, Keith	Republican	PA	12th	\$30,900
Rouzer, David	Republican	NC	7th	\$15,000

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Royce, Edward	Republican	CA	39th	\$14,000
Russell, Steven	Republican	OK	5th	\$16,450
Rutherford, John	Republican	FL	4th	\$6,000
Scalise, Steve	Republican	LA	1st	\$121,750
Schweikert, David	Republican	AZ	6th	\$4,000
Scott, James	Republican	GA	8th	\$6,000
Sensenbrenner, Jim	Republican	WI	5th	\$30,000
Sessions, Pete	Republican	TX	32nd	\$40,400
Shimkus, John	Republican	IL	15th	\$104,425
Shuster, Bill	Republican	PA	9th	\$35,500
Smith, Jason	Republican	MO	8th	\$47,500
Smith, Adrian	Republican	NE	3rd	\$28,500
Smith, Christopher	Republican	NJ	4th	\$6,000
Smith, Lamar	Republican	TX	21st	\$56,200
Smucker, Lloyd	Republican	PA	16th	\$8,000
Stewart, Chris	Republican	UT	2nd	\$12,500
Stivers, Steve	Republican	OH	15th	\$27,000
Taylor, Scott**	Republican	VA	2nd	\$14,000
Tenney, Claudia	Republican	NY	22nd	\$8,500
Thompson, Glenn	Republican	PA	5th	\$16,500
Thornberry, Mac	Republican	TX	13th	\$32,025

MEMBER	PARTY	STATE	DISTRICT	TOTAL
Tiberi, Patrick	Republican	OH	12th	\$53,250
Tipton, Scott	Republican	CO	3rd	\$23,500
Trott, Dave	Republican	MI	11th	\$12,500
Turner, Mike	Republican	OH	10th	\$6,000
Upton, Fred	Republican	MI	6th	\$108,250
Valadao, David	Republican	CA	21st	\$37,400
Wagner, Ann	Republican	MO	2nd	\$45,750
Walberg, Timothy	Republican	MI	7th	\$38,500
Walden, Gregory	Republican	OR	2nd	\$155,100
Walker, Bradley	Republican	NC	6th	\$16,750
Walorski, Jackie	Republican	IN	2nd	\$21,250
Walters, Mimi	Republican	CA	45th	\$47,450
Weber, Randy	Republican	TX	14th	\$4,000
Webster, Daniel	Republican	FL	11th	\$2,500
Wenstrup, Brad	Republican	OH	2nd	\$9,400
Westerman, Bruce	Republican	AR	4th	\$11,000
Williams, Roger	Republican	TX	25th	\$5,500
Wilson, Joe	Republican	SC	2nd	\$11,500
Wittman, Rob	Republican	VA	1st	\$11,050
Womack, Steve	Republican	AR	3rd	\$15,500
Woodall, Rob	Republican	GA	7th	\$9,250

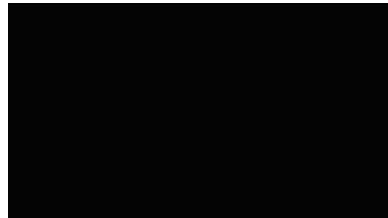
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Yoho, Ted	Republican	FL:	3rd	\$4,000
Young, Don	Republican	AK	1st	\$28,650
Young, David	Republican	IA	3rd	\$41,750

*Data for this representative obtained from the Virginia Public Access Project.

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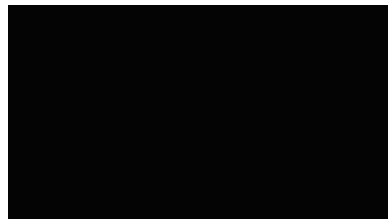
Correction: A previous version of this story incorrectly identified Scott Garrett (R-NJ) as a Yes vote. Unfortunately for Mr. Garrett, he was voted out of Congress in 2016. The correct Garrett is Tom Garrett of Virginia. We apologize for the error.

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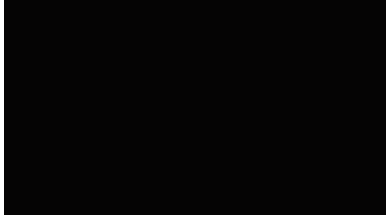
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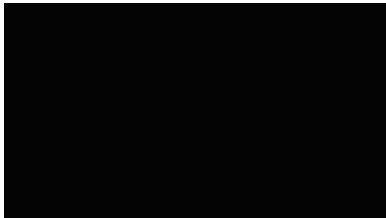
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