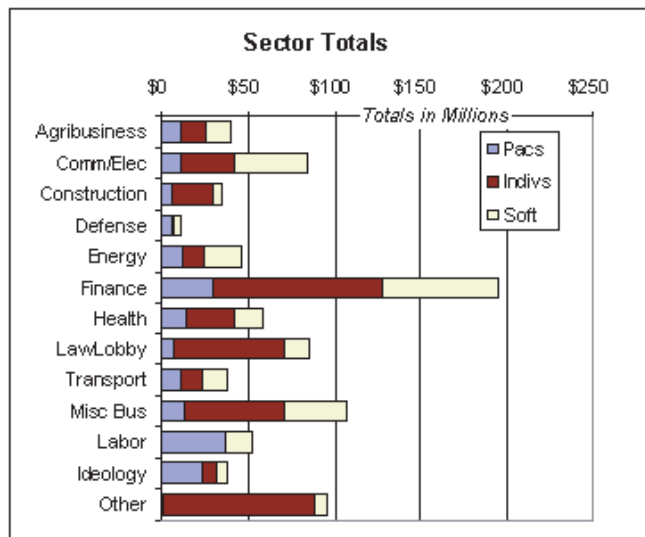


FS: DEMOCRACY

During the 2000 election, in Senate races, 85 percent of the candidates who spent more than their opponents won election. In House races, those who spent the most won by a margin of 94%.

If George W Bush wins the presidency, it will be by having out-fundraised Al Gore by \$51 million (out of \$180 million total), becoming the first major candidate to refuse to accept federal funds and associated limits. Should being able to raise the most money really be a requirement for public office?

Who Controls Our Elections?



Source:

Opensecrets.org, compiled from the most recent FEC data and election results.

Key

PAC: Political Action Committee

Indiv: Individual Donations

Soft: Soft, or unregulated money

What Can I do?

Join the CMU Progressive Student Alliance. We are fighting for a range of progressive issues - including campaign finance reform. No matter what your political affiliation, we welcome your help. January 15-20 2000 is democracy week. Help us plan - and keep Your future in Your hands. Email PSA@Andrew