

Hansjörg Wyss: The Swiss Billionaire Influencing U.S. Politics

The Left's Foreign Megadonor

One of the most influential figures in American politics is not even a U.S. citizen: Swiss billionaire Hansjörg Wyss.

Wyss uses two nonprofits – the Wyss Foundation and Berger Action Fund – to [fund](#) liberal advocacy groups across the U.S. In fiscal years 2002-2023, Wyss' organizations spent \$652 million supporting left-wing political causes: \$467 million through Berger Action Fund and \$185 million through the Wyss Foundation.

Key Groups Receiving Foreign Money from Wyss

GROUP	TOTAL
Sixteen Thirty Fund	\$278,475,000
Fund For A Better Future	\$102,698,000
New Venture Fund	\$81,803,700
League Of Conservation Voters Network	\$29,052,100
Resources Legacy Fund	\$17,937,531
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	\$16,212,000
Center for Popular Democracy Network	\$10,825,000
Center for American Progress Network	\$10,305,000
ACLU Network	\$8,745,000
Washington Center for Equitable Growth	\$7,955,000
Indivisible Project	\$6,455,000
Planned Parenthood Network	\$5,995,200
Constitutional Accountability Center	\$5,210,000
National Redistricting Action Fund	\$5,000,000
Our American Future Action	\$5,000,000
DEMOS	\$4,275,000
WorkMoney Inc.	\$3,500,000
ClimateWorks Foundation	\$3,000,000
Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund	\$2,856,561
Moms Rising Together	\$2,375,000
Center for Law and Social Policy	\$2,250,000
States Newsroom	\$2,140,000
Color of Change Education Fund	\$2,000,000
Tides Network	\$1,970,000
Sierra Club Network	\$1,957,400
American Constitution Society	\$1,320,000
NRDC	\$996,000
Leadership Conference Network	\$925,000
Campaign Legal Center	\$750,000
National Council of La Raza Action Fund	\$750,000
NARAL	\$625,000
Priorities USA	\$500,000

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How Much Wyss' Nonprofits Have Spent Influencing U.S. Politics

“Swiss Billionaire Quietly Becomes Influential Force Among Democrats”

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Wyss Foundation.

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Many of the groups that Wyss funds are heavily invested in campaign activities, such as “get-out-the-vote” operations, partisan-driven voter registration, [ballot initiatives](#), and attack ads. Other recipients play a significant role in advancing left-wing policies, including environmental issues, abortion, and the judicial system.

One of the largest destinations for Wyss' foreign money is Sixteen Thirty Fund, an organization under the Arabella Advisors dark money [network](#). Sixteen Thirty Fund acts as a hub for funneling dark money into liberal campaigns at every level, from the Presidency to local ballot issues. In all, Wyss' Berger Action Fund has given over \$278 million to Sixteen Thirty Fund.

Other key groups on the left that have received money from Wyss include Fund For A Better Future, Center for American Progress, the League of Conservation Voters, Indivisible, Planned Parenthood, and the National Redistricting Action Fund.