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## List of sham political donation systems across Canada that don't stop big money in politics

The following list of examples from the federal level in Canada, and various provinces and cities, show clearly that banning corporate and union donations, but still allowing a relatively high donation limit, is a sham that doesn't stop big money in politics.

Every jurisdiction where donations by individuals of \$500 and up are allowed and an analysis has been completed has found that funneling of money has likely happened. In fact, such systems actually hide big money as they make it more difficult to connect donations to businesses, unions and other organizations:

1. An [analysis in spring 2019](#) found that the Trudeau Liberals have received almost \$1.5 million in donations from staff, executives and lobbyists at more than 110 companies, law and accounting firms and interest groups since 2015.
2. [SNC-Lavalin illegally funneled](#) almost \$118,000 to the Liberal and Conservative parties, riding associations and candidates through its executives and employees from 2004 to 2011, with [CBC revealing the list of donors in April 2019](#).
3. As the *Globe and Mail* revealed, lobbyists attended approximately [90 high-priced, exclusive events](#) the Liberals held from January to October 2016, and another [72 events held since April 2017](#);
4. The Liberals also offered [special access to "bundler" fundraisers](#);
5. Clearwater Seafoods lobbies the federal government, and [board member Mickey MacDonald held a fundraising event](#) in August 2014 that raised about \$80,000 for the Liberal Party, an event Justin Trudeau attended.
6. Apotex Inc. lobbied the federal government at the time its then-Chair [Barry Sherman held a fundraising event](#) in August 2015 that raised about \$150,000 for the Liberal Party, an event Justin Trudeau also attended.
7. An [Elections Quebec audit found \\$12.8 million in likely illegally funneled donations](#) from 2006-2011.
8. [An April 2019 CBC analysis found New Brunswick company executives](#) and their families now donating the maximum after the province banned corporate and union donations.
9. A [2019 analysis of donations to candidates in Ottawa's city council elections](#) found some property developers claiming donations were made by their wives in order to avoid prosecution.

10. A [fall 2019 analysis of donations to Vancouver candidates and parties](#) found employees of a major real estate and hotel company's employees suddenly donating to right and left politicians.
11. [In B.C. in 2017, provincial parties returned more than \\$260,000 in donations](#) that had been funneled through lobbyists for companies, and people affiliated with unions.
12. In Ontario, [lobbyists sold tickets for Premier Ford's recent fundraising dinner](#) and, [in 2016, executives at a bank involved in bidding on a government contract organized a fundraising event](#) for the ruling party that was attended by Liberal Cabinet ministers.
13. When [Elections Alberta did an audit in 2012](#) it found dozens of illegal donations. As well, in a 2013 scandal in Alberta, a coalition of construction companies made it clear that [their big money donations were conditional](#) on the Alberta government changing the labour law.
14. Donations from corporations, unions and other organizations were banned in Toronto elections in 2009, and individual donations limited to \$750 annually, but a 2016 analysis by the [Toronto Star](#) found that big business and other special interest group executives and their families continue to give large amounts to city councillors.

**Join the call for low political donation limits and other key changes that actually stop big money in politics – [click here](#) to send your letter now to your politicians at the federal and provincial level.**