

**Appendix E: Partisan & Climate Giving by Top 25 Wealthiest Americans**

[Data sources: Forbes Top 25 list, Opensecrets.org, news searches]

<b>Forbes Top 25 Richest Americans (Forbes 2023)</b>	<b>OpenSecrets.org partisan giving</b>		<b>Climate and Energy Activities</b>
	<b>D Aligned Candidates/Groups</b>	<b>R Aligned Candidates/Groups</b>	
Jeff Bezos	\$14,600	\$16,200	Spent \$10B to address climate change.
Elon Musk*	\$104,100	\$107,300	\$6M to the Sierra Club; \$100M for carbon capture projects.
Bill Gates	\$29,700	\$134,823	Has pledged \$2B to move beyond fossil fuels and to mitigate climate change.
Larry Ellison	\$9,300	\$40,837,344	Purchased a Hawaiian island to create a sustainable retreat.
Mark Zuckerberg	\$1,000,000		Faced criticism from environmental groups for his and his PAC's (FWD.us) support of the Keystone XL pipeline.
Larry Page			Promotes the adoption of plug-in hybrid electric cars through Google's philanthropic arm, Google.org. Financially supported Prop 87 to put a tax on California's petroleum production.
Warren Buffett	\$474,512		Native American tribes and salmon fishermen sought to win support from Buffett for a proposal to remove four hydroelectric dams from the Klamath River owned by PacifiCorp, which is a Berkshire Hathaway company. David Sokol responded on Buffett's behalf, stating that the FERC would decide the question.
Sergey Brin	\$436,795		Directed the Google Foundation which donated \$70M to a number of organizations that include the Natural Resources Defense Council, a left of center environmental organization.
Steve Ballmer	\$1,009,750	\$3,750	The Ballmer Group expanded efforts to create grants to address climate change (\$217 million).
Michael Bloomberg	\$307,151,111	\$13,500	Founded the Beyond Carbon Victory Fund to fight the climate crisis and has donated over \$8.7M to the fund since 2016. Bloomberg was tasked with leading a global task force to help industry and financial markets understand the growing risk of climate change. Bloomberg Philanthropies donates hundreds of millions of dollars to projects that include environmental work.
Jim Walton	\$1,404,875	\$1,215,250	Walton Family Foundation has donated to left-of-center environmental groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund and Meridian Institute.
Alice Walton	\$4,148,897	\$1,095,200	Walton Family Foundation has donated to left-of-center environmental groups such as the Environmental Defense Fund and Meridian Institute.

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Rob Walton	\$225,767	\$2,175,467	Personally donated over \$150k to environmental groups such as Chispa AZ and Conservation Colorado. Created Rob Walton Sustainability Solutions Service at Arizona State University.
Michael Dell	\$10,800	\$21,200	None identified.
Phil Knight	\$3,818,102		Donated to create a program at Stanford to solve climate change (\$400 million).
MacKenzie Scott	\$1,900		Has donated part of her \$1.7B fortune towards climate change issues.
Charles Koch		\$7,044,600	Named as one of the top climate villains by <i>The Guardian</i> in 2021. Runs a network of foundations that disseminate conservative and environmentally unfriendly political ideas.
Julia Koch		\$47,880	Serves as President of the David Koch foundation and a funder of Americans for Prosperity. AFP supports oil and gas development and opposes environmental restrictions.
Len Blavatnik	\$545,500	\$710,200	Has accumulated wealth in the oil business.
Stephen A. Schwarzman		\$48,080,400	None identified.
John Franklyn Mars			None identified.
Jacqueline Mars	\$14,500	\$5,000	Donates to and sits on the board of the Wilderness Society Governing Council. Supporter of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters.
Leonard Lauder	\$720,330	\$18,900	None identified.
Miriam Adelson		\$3,620,307	None identified.
Dan Gilbert	\$213,327	\$1,494,800	None identified.

\*In the 2024 cycle Elon Musk has moved toward embracing GOP candidates and messaging