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Israeli billionaire Saban biggest donor to US politicians

Communications tycoon has donated at least USD 13 million to American politicians. As a close friend of the Clintons he contributed to the Democrats, but President Bush has not been deprived either

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Israeli billionaire and media mogul [Haim Saban](#) is at the top of the list of donors to political campaigns in the US.

Fox Network revealed over the weekend that Saban has donated approximately USD 13 million to various candidates.

According to the report, Saban, a close friend of the Clintons, is one of the major donors to the Democratic Party, though he has also contributed to republican candidates, including President George Bush and Governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Next on the list of donors are Stephen Bing, father of Elizabeth Hurley's son, who donated USD 10 million; Businessman Fred Eichner, who has given candidates USD 8 million; and Steve Forbes, owner of Forbes magazine, who has funded election campaigns at the sum of USD 7 million.

The last on the list is Jim Pederson, who was contender for US Senate for the State of Arizona, with a little over USD 6 million.

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