

Latest FEC Report Shows It's Kerry and LaRouche

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Lyndon LaRouche and John Kerry are in a two-way race for the support of Democratic Party's base nationwide, according to the latest "May Monthly" Report which all Democratic Presidential Pre-candidates must file with the Federal Election Commission. LaRouche has 41,494 itemized individual contributions and Kerry has 108,523, while Dennis Kucinich is a distant third, with 8,997. The rest of the candidates have quit.

The FEC defines "itemized individual contributions" as every contribution from an individual who has given \$200 or more to a candidate. For LaRouche, this statistic shows a nationwide base of repeat contributors among the lower 80% of the population by family income bracket, who are mobilized in an ongoing way for campaign activity, which surpasses that of any other candidate.

That LaRouche has the Democratic base of the "lower 80%" of the population ranked by income, is shown in his lowest average itemized individual contribution figure among all the candidates: \$143.46, compared to Kerry's average contribution of \$869.36, and \$263.81 for Dennis Kucinich. This is the base which allowed Franklin Roosevelt to take over a rotten Democratic Party in 1932, and propelled him to victory.

The ongoing mobilization of LaRouche's contributors is also seen by comparing LaRouche's "un-itemized individual contributions" total with those of the other candidates. LaRouche has un-itemized individual contributions (from individuals who have not yet contributed \$200 to his campaign) of \$1.6 million—only 21% of the total \$7.5 million LaRouche has raised from individuals. This compares to Kerry's \$30 million in un-itemized contributions, or 29% of his total \$105

million raised from individuals; and Kucinich's \$4.2 million in un-itemized individual contributions, 61% of his total \$6.8 million in individual contributions. Thus, many of the contributors to Kerry and Kucinich have not become *repeat* contributors, who constitute an active base of support.

So Kerry's \$105 million raised from individuals, though 14 times the \$7.5 million LaRouche has raised from individuals, does not dwarf it, because Kerry has only 2.5 times the number of LaRouche's individual contributions, and the latter's come from the core constituencies of "have-nots" which today's Democratic Party leadership has abandoned. The core of a mass movement for the Presidency is repeat contributor-activists from the lower 80% of the population by income.

LaRouche Leads Kerry in 11 States

It is not surprising, then, that LaRouche has more itemized individual contributions than Kerry in 11 states: Alaska, Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

In three of the four states still to hold primaries in June, LaRouche has more itemized individual contributions than Kerry: Alabama (June 1), South Dakota (June 1), and Montana (June 8). In both North and South Dakota, LaRouche leads Kerry not only in the number of itemized individual contributions, but in the absolute dollar amount raised. LaRouche has 181 itemized individual contributions and \$28,920 to Kerry's 40 contributions and \$12,885 raised in North Dakota. In South Dakota, LaRouche has 362 itemized individual contributions and \$69,645, compared to Kerry's 67 contributions and \$37,825.

LaRouche's campaign fundraising shows that only his Presidential campaign has the mass base to defeat George W. Bush—the dumbest man ever to occupy the Presidency. The Democratic Party needs LaRouche's mass base, as well as his policy solutions and international credibility, to win. The Party's current obsession with raising big money coheres with an idiotic idea that it can win an election without votes. LaRouche and his mass base must be included in the Democratic Party's nomination process now, to beat Bush in November.

TABLE 1

Presidential Candidates' Individual Contributions**

Candidate	Itemized Indiv. Contributions to Date	Itemized Individual Contributions, April '04	\$ Amount Indiv. Contrib. to Date	\$ Amount Indiv. Contrib., April '04	Average Itemized Indiv. Contrib.	Unitemized Contributions to Date	Cumulative Federal Matching Funds
LaRouche	41,494	1,651	\$7,551,917	\$248,619	\$143.46	\$1,683,394	\$1,276,465
Kerry*	108,523	29,940	\$105,861,659	\$30,831,300	\$869.36	\$30,357,224	—
Kucinich	9,852	855	\$6,816,766	\$257,180	\$263.81	\$4,247,204	\$2,413,078

*Estimated.

**All figures inclusive of May Monthly FEC Reports.

Source: Federal Election Commission.