

DON SAMUELS'S CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY HIGH-DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM REPUBLICAN DONORS

During the 2022 election Samuels took over \$68,000 from Republican donors. His 2024 campaign is on pace to attract even more money from Republican donors. He's already taken nearly \$50,000 from Republican donors since launching his campaign late last year. His campaign has even drawn support from Clarence Thomas super fan Harlan Crow and those that run Crow's companies. Don Samuels and his conservative benefactors have a common enemy – DFL candidates and values.

Don Samuels Received \$116,050 In Large Contributions From Donors Who Also Donated To Republicans During His Congressional Campaigns. According to an analysis of donors to Neighbors For Samuels during the 2023-24 election cycle Don Samuels has taken at least \$47,850 in large dollar contributions from at least 22 separate donors who have also given to Republicans. Previously during the 2021-2022 election cycle Neighbors For Samuels took at least \$68,200 in large dollar contributions from at least 28 separate donors who also donated to Republicans, for a total of \$116,050 across his two federal elections. [FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Itemized Individual Contributions 01/01/23 to 03/31/24, accessed [05/15/24](#); FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Itemized Individual Contributions 01/01/23 to 03/31/24, accessed [05/15/24](#)]

During The 2024 Election Cycle, Don Samuels Received Nearly \$50,000 In Large Contributions From Donors Who Have Also Donated To Republicans. According to an analysis of donors to Neighbors For Samuels during the 2023-24 election cycle Don Samuels has taken at least \$47,850 in large dollar contributions from at least 22 separate donors who have also given to Republicans. [FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Itemized Individual Contributions 01/01/23 to 03/31/24, accessed [05/15/24](#)]

During The 2022 Election Cycle, Don Samuels Received Nearly \$70,000 In Large Contributions From Donors Who Also Donated To Republicans. According to an analysis of donors to Neighbors For Samuels during the 2021-22 election cycle Don Samuels has taken at least \$68,200 in large dollar contributions from at least 28 separate donors who have also given to Republicans. [FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Itemized Individual Contributions 01/01/21 to 12/31/22, accessed [05/15/24](#)]

The 2022 Samuels Campaign Was Funded And Supported By A Wide Variety Of National Conservative Donors. In August 2022 Jacobin wrote, "In the current race, Samuels is backed by even worse interests, including several Republican super PACs funded by the same billionaires that support Marjorie Taylor Greene, Josh Hawley, Laura Loomer, and Kelly Loeffler. He's also backed by the same police PACs that support Senator Tom Cotton and Lee Zeldin (the far-right zealot seeking to unseat New York governor Kathy Hochul). (These groups also donated to candidates trying to unseat Omar's Squad-mates AOC, Rashida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley)." [Jacobin.com, 08/05/22]

Samuels's 2022 Campaign Was Aided By The Make A Difference MN 05 Super PAC. In August 2022 the Star Tribune wrote, "Samuels' run was also boosted by a super PAC called Make a Difference MN 05 in the closing days of the race that quickly spent hundreds of thousands after forming in late July." [Star Tribune, 08/11/22]

Make A Difference MN 05 PAC Received \$350,000 From AIPAC-Linked United Democracy Project, Over Half Of What They Spent On The Race. In September 2022 MinnPost wrote:

Democrat Don Samuels who lost his primary challenge to Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-5th, by only about 2,500 votes, was given last-minute help by a super PAC affiliated with AIPAC, or

the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a politically powerful organization that lobbies for better U.S.-Israel relations.

The latest Federal Elections Commission reports show that the AIPAC-linked super PAC, called the United Democracy Project, donated \$350,000 to a new group formed by Minnesotans who supported Samuels. The money was donated on Aug. 3, just six days before the Aug. 9 primary.

That newly formed group in support of Samuels, called Make a Difference MN-05, spent about \$650,000 on television ads that ran right before the primary that highlighted the candidates' different positions on policing.
[MinnPost, 09/23/22]

United Democracy Project Was Funded By Billionaires And Big Republican Donors. In September 2022 middleeasteye.net wrote, "The UDP was launched by Aipac in January and since then has spent millions of dollars in races across the US. In August, American billionaire Robert Kraft's holding company donated \$1m to Aipac's super PAC, according to records from the Federal Election Commission. The super PAC has also received a \$2m donation from WhatsApp co-founder Jan Koum, as well as other smaller but sizable amounts from Republican donors Paul Singer and Bernie Marcus, investment manager Jonathon Jacobson and Democratic mega-donor Haim Saban." [middleeasteye.net, [09/21/22](#)]

After Taking Money From Harlan Crow In 2022, Samuels Learned His Lesson... And Only Took Money From The CEO Of One Of Crow's Companies In 2024. According to records from the Federal Election Commission, Don Samuels took \$1,000 from Kenneth Valach, who listed his occupation as CEO of Trammel Crow Residential, on March 21, 2024. [FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Receipts, 03/21/24]

Samuels Took A \$2,900 Donation From Harlan Crow In 2022. According to records from the Federal Election Commission, Don Samuels took \$2,900 from Harlan Crow on July 25, 2022. [FEC.gov: Neighbors For Samuels Receipts, 07/25/22]

2023-2024 Donations From Republican Donors

Donor	Employer	Occupation	Amount to Samuels	GOP Donations
Benedict, Michael	Frana Companies	Management	3300	\$6,600 to Derrick Van Orden WI-03, Donated to Tyler Kistner and Pete Stauber in previous cycles
Black, Archie	SPS Commerce	Chair	1000	\$1,000 to Dug Burgum's presidential campaign
Blatz, Kathleen Ann	Columbia Threadneedle	Trustee	3000	While it was only in previous cycles, Blatz's only other donations to candidates were \$2,700 to Chris Christies Presidential campaign in 2015 and \$2,300 to Rudy Giuliani's Presidential campaign in 2007.

Chaletzky, Stephen	The Hearthstone Corporation	Real Estate Manager	1000	\$2,041.02 to Mazi-Melesa Pilip NY-03, \$1,000 to Steve Garvey CA-SEN, \$552.05 to Tim Scott for America, \$520.51 to Tim Scott Victory Fund
Gingold, Alan	Lorenz Bus	Cfo	750	\$1,000 to Tom Emmer MN-06,
Haselow, Robert	MINNEAPOLIS RADIATION ONCOLOGY	MD	3300	\$2,750 to Michelle Fischbach MN-07, \$3,000 to a Michelle Fischbach joint committee Fischbach Victory Fund, \$2,000 to Brad Finstad MN-01, \$2,000 to Pete Stauber MN-08, \$1,000 toe Emmer Victory Committee, \$1,000 to a joint fundraising committee for Finstad Fischbach Stauber Greater MN Victory Fund, \$750 to Jennifer Kiggans VA-02, \$750 to Beth Ban Duyne TX-24, \$750 to Monica De La Cruz TX-15, \$3,000 to a joint fundraising committee for several Republican women included Michelle Fischbach Iron Ladies PAC
Head, Martha	Self	Business	2,500	\$6,600 to Brad Finstad MN-01, \$1,000 to Pete Stauber MN-08, \$4,000 to Nikki Haley for President, \$5,000 to a Haley joint committee Team Stand For America, \$1,000 to Asa Hutchinson's presidential campaign, \$3,300 to Doug Burgum's presidential campaign
Hochman, Edward	Self	Attorney	1000	\$200 to Nikki Haley for President, \$1,100 to Pete Ricketts NE-SEN, \$1,000 Ricketts Victory Fund
Jones, Norman	Winthrop & Weinstine	Attorney	3300	Add more info for disambiguation, \$6,600 to Joe Fraser MN-Sen
Kessler, Irvin	Deephaven Inc	Investor	3300	\$6,600 to Tony Gonzalez TX-23, \$1,000 to Peter Meijer MI-03, \$2,900 to Brian Fitzpatrick MI-01, \$2,900 to Don Bacon NE-02
Lindahl, John	Not Employed	Not Employed	3,100	\$3,300 to Tom Emmer MN-06, \$3,300 to Emmer Victory Committee
McGrath, Bonnie	Speer McGrath & Co.	Consultant	2000	\$1,800 to Brian Fitzpatrick PA-01, \$939.70 to Bill Cassidy LA-Sen, \$500 to Susan Collins ME-SEN, \$1,000 to Nikki Haley for President, \$1,000 to a Haley joint fundraising committee Team Stand For America

Minn, Steven	Lupe Development Partners LLC	Executive	3300	\$5,000 to Tom Emmer MN-06, \$5,000 to Emmer Victory Committee
Neiger, Edward	ASK LLP	Lawyer	2,000	\$1,000 to Elise Stefanik NY-21, \$1,000 to Stefanik's joint committee Elise Victory Fund, \$720 to Michael Vincent Lawler NY-17, \$6,600 to Ron DeSantis for President
Page, Gregory	Cargill, Inc	Executive	3000	\$12,735.35 to Tim Sheehy MT-SEN, \$1,300 to Nikki Haley for President, \$3,000 to Sam Brown NV-SEN, \$2,000 Michael Vincent Lawler NY-17, \$2,000 to Don Bacon NE-02, \$2,000 to Jennifer Kiggans VA-02, \$2,000 to Young Kim CA-40, \$2,000 to Brian Steil WI-01, \$2,000 to Anthony Desposito NY-04, \$2,000 to Rudy Yakym IN-02, \$5,300 to Jim Justice WV-SEN, \$2,000 to Marcus Molinaro NY-19, \$2,000 to Michelle Steel CA-45, \$2,000 to Lori Chavez Deremer OR-05, \$13,400 to the NRCC
Peltz, Matt	Triam Partners	Partner	1500	\$4,500 to Tim Sheehy MT-SEN, \$4,500 to Dave McCormick PA-SEN, \$4,500 to Larry Hogan MD-SEN, \$3,000 to Andrew Garbarino NY-02
S MOORHOUSE, MARK	Dominium	Real Development	1000	\$6,600 to Tom Emmer MN-06, \$25,000 to Emmer controlled PACs, \$2,000 to Joe Teirab MN-02, \$6,600 to Todd Young IN-SEN, \$8,400 to the RNC
Seaton, Doug	Upper Midwest Law Center	Attorney	3000	\$5,688 to Tom Emmer MN-06, \$4,500 to Emmer Victory Committee, \$2,000 to Brad Finstad MN-01, \$2,000 to Pete Stauber MN-08, \$5,000 to Michelle Fischbach MN-07, \$500 to Joni Ernst IA-SEN, \$419.35 to Steve Garvey CA-SEN, \$1,977.94 to Donald Trump committees, \$15,855 to the RNC, \$16,139.10 to the NRSC, \$1,000 to the Republican Party of Florida, \$250 to Claudia Tenney NY-21, \$500 to Republican Party of Wisconsin, \$250 to Zach Nunn IA-03, \$1,000 to Vern Buchanan FL-13, \$5,049 to the NRCC, \$2,000 to Rick Scott FL-SEN, \$620.50 to Michelle Steel

				CA-45, \$260.25 to Brandon Williams NY-22, \$1,020.51 to Dave McCormick PA-SEN, \$500 to Mike Rogers MI-SEN, \$510.25 to Young Kim CA-40, \$1,000 to Ted Cruz FL-SEN, \$1,041.02 to Derrick Van Orden WI-03, \$500 to Leslie Lewallen WA-03, \$1,000 to Sam Brown N-SEN, \$385.25 to Jennifer Kiggans VA-02, \$3,000 to Kevin Cramer ND-SEN, \$500 to Mazi Melesa Pilip NY-03, \$4,600 to Speaker Mike Johnson's committees, \$1,000 to Tim Sheehy MT-SEN, \$100 to John James MI-10, \$1,000 to Jim Justice WV-SEN, \$1,000 to former Speaker Kevin McCarthy, \$500 to Steve Daines MT-SEN, \$12,000 to the MN GOP federal account, \$1,000 to Roger Wicker MS-SEN, \$1,900 to Jim Banks IN-SEN, \$2,250 to Nikki Haley for President, \$247.50 to Jake Elzey TX-06, \$125 to Beth Van Duyne TX-24
Soran, Phil	Not Employed	Not Employed	2000	\$500 to Larry Hogan MD-SEN, \$2,500 to Brian Fitzpatrick PA-01, \$500 to Dusty Johnson SD-AL, \$1,000 to Tony Gonzalez TX-23
Valach, Kenneth	TRAMMELL CROW RESIDENTIAL	CEO	1000	\$293,400 to Republican candidates, committees, and leadership PACs this cycle. Works for Harlan Crow. See below.
Woldenberg, James	Heathrow Scientific	Business	1000	\$1,000 to Dalia Al-Aqidi MN-05
Ziman, Ken	Lazard Freres LLC	Investment Banker	2500	\$2,000 to Nikki Haley for President

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Douglas Baker	“Not employed” per latest filing , previously ECOLAB	Previously CEO, “Not employed” per latest filing	3300	\$1K to McConnell’s 2014 campaign, \$16.9k to Erik Paulsen from 2009-18, \$15.2K to Tom Emmer from 2016-19 + \$5K to his committee in 2019, \$4.6K to Coleman for Senate in 08, \$5K to Tim Pawlenty’s Freedom First PAC in 2009, \$1K to Portman for Senate (+\$3.3K to Dean Phillips’s presidential campaign)
Julie Baker	Not employed	Not employed	3300	\$5.4K to Paulsen in 2016, \$5K to Pawlenty for President in 2011, \$5K to Pawlenty’s Freedom First PAC in 2009, mostly Dem donations including Obama/Hillary/Biden
Archie Black	SPS COMMERCE (Recently retired)	CEO	3300	\$1K to No Labels PAC in Feb 2023, \$1K to Burgum for America in July, \$100 to Bush for President in 1999
Val Broughton	Not Employed	Not Employed	3300	\$300 to Bush/Cheney in 04, \$483 to Coleman for Senate in 2002, \$1K to the RNC in 08, \$1K to McCain/Palin in 08, \$2.7K to Kasich in 2016
Walter Broughton	Bank Of America/Merrill Lynch	Financial Advisor	3300	\$1K to Eric Canton’s PAC in 2005, \$300 to Coleman for Senate in 2002, \$250 to the MN GOP in 2000
Stephen Chaletzky	The Hearthstone Corporation	Real Estate Manager	1000	\$20K to the RNC, \$25K to Romney Victory, \$25K to the MA GOP, \$10K to the anti-Warren Deal Her Out PAC, Trump (\$3.6K in 2016), contributions to Perdue, Loeffler, Nancy Mace
Peter Donnino	Frana Companies Inc	Construction Manager	1000	Contributions to Romney, Pawlenty, Paulsen, TeaPartyExpress.org

Terry Fleck	Frana Companies Inc	Real Estate Manager	1000	\$20K to the RNC, \$25K to Romney Victory, \$25K to the MA GOP, \$10K to the anti-Warren Deal Her Out PAC, Trump (\$3.6K in 2016), contributions to Perdue, Loeffler, Nancy Mace
James Frey	Not Employed	Not Employed	3300	\$1K to Bush for President in 1999, \$2K to Bush/Cheney 04, \$6K in support of Norm Coleman from 2001-07, \$1K to the MN GOP in 2002
Peter Hafiz	Jimellie Enterprises Inc, Déjà vu strip club	President	3300	\$14.7K in support to Tom Emmer from 2017-21, \$3K in support to Coleman from 2002-08
Jon Harris	AIM13	CEO	1000	\$10K to Schock Victory Committee, \$5K to Generation Y Fund, \$5K to Schock for Congress, \$2.7K to Jeb 2016, contributions to Senate Majority Fund, Romney, Portman, Kevin McCarthy, Giuliani, Graham, Allen West, Bush/Cheney 04
Justine Haselow	RETIRED	RETIRED	3300	\$5K to McCain Victory 08, \$5K to Pawlenty for President in 2011, \$5K to Pawlenty's Freedom First PAC in 2010, \$9.8K in support to Tom Emmer from 2013-18, overwhelming a Dem donor
Robert Haselow	Minneapolis Radiation Oncology	MD	3300	\$2K to Jeb 2016, \$2.3K to McCain 08, \$5K to McCain Victory 08, \$5K to Pawlenty for President in 2011, \$5K to Pawlenty's Freedom First PAC in 2009, \$1K to Bush for President in 200, support to the RNC, NRSC, NRCC, MN GOP, Tom Emmer and Erik Paulsen—Many Dem donations as well

Martha Head	Self	Business	1500	\$10K to the NRCC in 2019, \$5K to the MN GOP in 2014 + \$10K in 2016 & 2017, \$6K to Doug Burgum for America, \$4K to Haley for President, contributions to the NRSC, Loeffler, Perdue, Emmer, Paulsen, Rubio for Senate, Romney, McCain
Daniel Kamensky	Restructuring Law Advisory	Attorney	1000	\$10.4K to McConnell/McConnell Victory, Contributions to Romney, Boehner, ERICPAC
Gordon Kroft	Citi Group	Managing Director	1500	\$2.7K to Jeb 2016, \$4.35K to Elan Carr for Congress in 2014
John Lindahl	Not Employed	Not Employed	2000	\$25K to MN GOP 2006-14 + contributions to the NRSC, Romney for President, Coleman for Senate, Emmer for Congress, Friends of Erik Paulsen (Mostly GOP but some Dem donations i.e. Klobuchar)
Steven Minn	Lupe Development Partners LLC	Executive	3300	\$5K to Emmer + \$5 K to Emmer Victory Committee in 2023, \$1K to Kasich for America in 2016, \$400 to MN GOP in 2016
Mark Moorhouse	Dominium	Real Development	1000	\$20K to Emmer Victory Committee, \$8.4K to the NRCC
Edward Neiger	ASK LLP	Lawyer	2000	\$10k to New Jersey Trump Victory in 2020, \$5.6K to Trump in 2020, two \$6.6k contributions to DeSantis for President, also RNC, McCain, Giuliani, Dr. Oz (some Dems)
Gregory Page	Cargill, Inc	Executive	3000	\$93.1K to the NRCC, \$76K to the NRSC, \$36K to the RNC, contributions to the state GOP, Romney, Rubio, Paul Ryan

Matt Peltz	Trian Partners	Partner	1500	\$140+K To The RNC, Contributions To Trump (\$1K, 2020), Tom Cotton, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott, Lindsey Graham, Herschel Walker, Rubio, Perdue, Loeffler, Dr. Oz
Robert Pohlad	Not Employed	Not Employed	3300	Very big Dem donor but \$20K to MN GOP in 2008, \$5K to RNC in 2004, \$4K to Bush/Cheney 04, \$2K to Bush/Cheney 04 Compliance Committee, \$2.1K to Mike DeWine for Senate
Kendall Powell	“Not employed” per latest filing , previously General Mills, Inc.	Previously CEO, “Not employed” per latest filing	6600	\$19k to Erik Paulsen from 2008-18, \$5.6K to Coleman for Senate 2008-09 + \$12.3K to Coleman’s Recount Committee in January 2009, \$5.4K to Tim Pawlenty’s Freedom First PAC in 2009, has also given to Dems like Klobuchar and Biden
Paul Schreiber	Shearman & Sterling LLP	Attorney	1000	\$1K to Rudy Giuliani Presidential Committee Inc
Zachary Jared Schreiber	Not Employed	Not Employed	3300	\$50k to Right to Rise USA (Jeb Bush), \$43.8K to the NRCC, \$25k to Romney Victory Inc, \$25k to Boehner for Speaker, \$25k to Team Ryan, \$22.5K to the RNC

Douglas Seaton	Upper Midwest Law Center	Attorney	1000	\$171K to the RNC, \$153K to the NRSC, \$106K to the NRCC, \$68.7K to the MN GOP, \$50K to Romney Victory Inc, \$30k to Erik Paulsen, \$29.7K to Emmer and his committees, \$21K to Trump Victory/Make America Great Again Committee, \$11.8K to Bachman/Bachman Victory Committee, \$8K to Trump 2016-20, contributions to Haley for President, Ted Cruz, Boehner, Kevin McCarthy, Bush 2000 & 2004, Coleman for Senate + Recount, Dr. Oz, Rubio, McConnell, Herschel, Loeffler, Perdue, Tuberville, Nancy Mace
Ken Ziman	Lazard Freres LLC	Investment Banker	2500	\$1K to Nikki Haley for President, \$1K to Nancy Mace—Very much a Dem donor

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