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- **Wikipedia.org** (www.wikipedia.org/) : free encyclopedia that anyone can edit
- **Muckety.com** (www.muckety.com) : list top government and political figures, as well as board members of Fortune 1000 companies, major nonprofits and influential colleges.
- **TheyRule.net** (www.theyrule.net) : provides a glimpse of some of the relationships of the US ruling class. Focuses on Board of Directors.

POLITICAL WATCH SITES: Includes information on campaign finance, voting records, revolving door, lobbyists, etc.

- **Sourcewatch.org** (www.sourcewatch.org) : The Center for Media and Democracy publishes SourceWatch, this collaborative resource for citizens and journalists looking for documented information about the corporations, industries, and people trying to influence public policy and public opinion.
- **OpenSecrets.org** (www.opensecrets.org) : Tracking the influence of money on U.S. politics, and how that money affects policy and citizens' lives. Federal level only.
- **Ballotpedia.org** (www.ballotpedia.org) : Ballotpedia is a free, collaborative, online encyclopedia about state politics, including elections, congress, state legislatures, ballot measures (including ballot measure law, school bond and tax elections, recall elections and local ballot measures), governors, secretaries of state and state attorneys general.
- **FollowtheMoney.org** (www.followthemoney.org) : The National Institute on Money in State Politics is the only nonpartisan, nonprofit organization revealing the influence of campaign money on state-level elections and public policy in all 50 states.
- **MarcellusMoney.org** (www.marcellusmoney.org): A collaboration between Common Cause Pennsylvania and Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania to track Natural Gas Drilling money flowing into politics. On-line search is available and a downloadable spreadsheet.
- **SunlightFoundation.com** (www.sunlightfoundation.com) : a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that uses the power of the Internet to catalyze greater government openness and transparency, and provides new tools and resources.
Project tools include: Follow the Unlimited Money, Lobbyist Registration Tracker, Influence Explorer, Poligrift, ClearSpending, and more.
- **VoteSmart.org** (www.votesmart.org) : Information on Candidates and Elected Officials – Federal and State levels. Covers voting records, biographical and contact information, Issue Positions, Interest Group Ratings, Public Statements and Campaign Finance.