



The Democratic National Committee called into question Fox News' objectivity Tuesday after it was reported that the cable network's parent company – News Corporation – recently donated \$1 million to the Republican Governors Association.

"No Republican who appears on Fox can be seen as answering to an independent press and all should appear with a disclaimer for who they truly are – the favored candidate of the corporate-friendly network. No Fox News political coverage can be seen as impartial and all of it should have a disclaimer for what it truly is – partisan propaganda."

"This is one piece of the puzzle that the public should consider when they are viewing coverage of politics," said Sheila Krumholz, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics.

General Electric, which owns NBC, has also made substantial political contributions in the 2010 election cycle. For example, GE donated \$688,900 to Democrats through its PAC this election cycle compared to \$410,100 to Republicans. The company has also given \$75,500 to Democratic-affiliated leadership PACs and \$74,500 to Republican-affiliated leadership PACs.

Meanwhile, GE has donated \$237,000 to the Democratic Governors Association and \$205,000 to the Republican Governors Association.

The PAC of Time Warner, the parent company of CNN has given \$70,500 to Democratic candidates in the 2010 election cycle compared with \$41,500 to Republicans. Time Warner also donated \$5,000 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

The political action committee for Viacom, the parent company of CBS, has contributed \$108,700 to Democratic candidates this election cycle and \$64,000 to Republicans, according to CQ Moneyline. The PAC has also contributed \$22,000 to Democratic-affiliated leadership PACs and \$21,500 Republican-affiliated leadership PACs. Viacom also donated \$4,000 to the Pennsylvania Democratic Party last April.

And Disney, the parent company of ABC, has given \$110,500 to Democratic candidates and \$95,000 to Republicans through its PAC. It has also donated \$16,000 to Democratic-affiliated leadership PACs and \$20,000 to Republican-affiliated committees. Disney has also given \$11,000 to Democratic Party PACs and \$20,000 to Republican Party PACs.

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