



“Zuckerbucks” Were a Problem in the 2020 Election



In 2020, Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, spent more than **\$400 million** to influence elections across the country.



The Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) received **\$350 million** from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and provided “COVID-19 response” election administration grants to thousands of local election offices.



CTCL grants (or “Zuckerbucks”) were disproportionately siphoned to **left-leaning** counties to boost Democrat turnout and influence the outcome of 2020 elections.

HOW CTCL AND ZUCKERBUCKS INFLUENCED THE ELECTION

How funding from private individuals and third parties threatened election integrity:

- The grants gave outsiders a say in how the election was administered by allowing them to dictate how election offices spent funds.
- Targeted funds allowed election offices of CTCL’s choosing to spend more on voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote efforts.
- By paying poll workers and furnishing election offices with new equipment, grants created a direct financial relationship between election administrators and a third party with special interests.
- Acceptance of private funding put pressure on grant recipients to allow CTCL-affiliated operatives to assist in election administration, including assisting with curing absentee ballots.
- Gave CTCL unprecedented access to ballot information, including daily reports of absentee ballot counts and the keys to at least one mail-in ballot storage room.
- The grants helped direct election officials toward CTCL-approved training and helped CTCL connect election officials with other left-leaning organizations to try and influence election practices.



Private Dollars Followed Democrats



States where election results had great consequences were targeted for large Zuckerbucks grants—**specifically counties or cities that leaned Democrat.**

\$45 million

Georgia received **more than \$45 million** in Zuckerbucks and **75 percent** of grant counties shifted significantly to the Left.

\$25 million

Pennsylvania received more than **\$25 million** in Zuckerbucks and with more than **90 percent** of the grant dollars going to counties Joe Biden won.

\$8 million

Ohio received more than **\$8 million** in Zuckerbucks. More than **70 percent** of counties Joe Biden won received grants while fewer than half of Ohio counties that President Trump carried received grants.

\$10 million

Wisconsin received more than **\$10 million** in Zuckerbucks, with **\$8.5 million** spent in only five Democrat cities.

\$15 million

Michigan received more than **\$15 million** in Zuckerbucks, with more than **\$7 million** going to the City of Detroit, a Democrat stronghold in a swing state.

BOTTOM LINE:

State and local governments should be prohibited from accepting funding from private individuals and third parties, as occurred in 2020 with Zuckerbucks.