

# Nevada



**30** Overall Rank

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Nevada	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State Assembly	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	14	18	14	22	1	1
		\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	16	20	18	22	1	
		\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	Unlimited	
Party Giving	47	47	46	47		
		\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election		
Union Giving	8	12	8	8		
		\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election		
Corporate Giving	6	10	6	6		
		\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election	\$5,000/election		

Inflation Adjustment: No

Nevada’s consistent \$5,000 per election limit on most political giving puts the state squarely in the middle of the pack with regard to speech freedom. The allure of simplistic monetary limits has actually led to greater restrictions on the First Amendment in some sectors of Nevada. By limiting political party contributions to candidates to just \$5,000, Nevada has dramatically limited parties’ freedom to associate with their own candidates. By contrast, 21 states have recognized that parties have a unique connection to candidates and should not be limited in their ability to support them financially. Nevadans would benefit

if the state raised all of its limits, but particularly its limits on giving by political parties. Fortunately, the Silver State allows individuals and PACs to contribute to parties without limit.

At the very least, residents of Nevada would benefit from having the state’s limits regularly adjusted to account for the effects of inflation. This is a simple, uncontroversial measure done by a majority of states that prevents free speech rights from diminishing over time.