

# Oregon



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Overall Rank

A+

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Oregon	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	1	1	1	1	1	
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Party Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Corporate Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		

Inflation Adjustment: N/A

Leave it to the Beaver State to show the rest of the nation how to stand up for free speech. Oregon may have the country's greatest protections for First Amendment political speech rights, thanks in large part to *Vannatta v. Keisling*, a 1997 Oregon Supreme Court decision in which the court ruled that campaign contributions are acts of expression safeguarded by the Oregon Constitution's free speech guarantees. Since then, Oregon has been the shining example of free political expression in the Pacific Northwest and across the country. It is one of five states with no limits and a well-deserved perfect score in the Index.

Unfortunately, some in Oregon have periodically attempted to amend the state's Constitution to shred these free speech guarantees in order to enact contribution limits. Fortunately, the most recent attempt, spearheaded by Governor Kate Brown, failed to gain traction in the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Oregonians would be wise to pay attention to such efforts to undo one of the country's greatest free speech protections.