

## Schumer's Central Question With 22 Days Until Election Day: Can Republicans Buy the Senate?

*In Dear Colleague Letter, Schumer Asks: "Will the Unprecedented Tsunami Of Republican Money Defeat The Massive Democratic Advantage In Candidates, Policies, And Political Climate?"*

*New York, N.Y. – With 22 days until Election Day, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer today sent a Dear Colleague letter outlining the defining battle for Senate control: Democrats' advantages in candidates, message, and political climate against an unprecedented flood of Republican money. Schumer argues that Democrats are winning the argument on costs, chaos, and corruption, while Republicans are relying on their enormous financial advantage to overcome voter dissatisfaction with their record. Despite the extraordinary sums pouring into Senate races, Schumer remains confident: "I believe in our candidates and our message, and that we will prevail."*

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Dear Colleagues,

With just three weeks until Election Day, the battle for control of the Senate comes down to one defining question: **Will the unprecedented tsunami of Republican money defeat the massive Democratic advantage in candidates, policies, and political climate?**

There are 22 days until Election Day, and two enormous forces are on a collision course: deep voter dissatisfaction with Republicans and an unprecedented flood of money aimed at overcoming their political liabilities. Which force prevails could determine control of the United States Senate.

We've all run a lot of campaigns in our lives, and we've learned there's a difference between winning the argument and winning the election.

**Right now, Democrats are resoundingly winning the argument in large part thanks to your great work.**

Every day, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress are being judged on the consequences of their agenda—skyrocketing costs, soaring gas prices, a costly, chaotic, and failed war in Iran, and rampant corruption at the highest levels of government.

While American families struggle to make ends meet, Trump is focused on enriching himself, rewarding his wealthy friends, and putting his personal interests ahead of American families.

Republican Senate candidates are heading into the final stretch carrying the weight of that record – the weight they've aided and abetted for two years. They can't run from it, and they can't escape Donald Trump.

Over the last two years, our caucus has worked every day to make sure the American people understand that Senate Republicans are responsible for the costs they are paying and the pain they are feeling.

Our efforts have worked so far. **The data is clear:**

- Only [30% of Americans](#) approve of President Trump's time in office.
- [78% of Americans](#) – blame President Donald Trump's policies for skyrocketing costs.
- [73% of Americans](#) say the country is heading in the wrong direction, including 47% of Republicans.

And Democrats have another enormous advantage: our candidates.

We have an outstanding slate of candidates, and we've expanded the Senate map, giving us multiple paths to victory. Our candidates have built strong campaigns focused squarely on what Americans care about most: lowering costs, ending the chaos, and fighting corruption.

Our candidates are making their case directly to voters, while Republicans are forced to defend a deeply unpopular record.

**We have strong candidates, a clear message, and a political climate that offers real opportunities.**

But Republicans have one enormous advantage of their own.

**Money.**

**Republican money.**

**An unprecedented tsunami of corrupt billionaire Republican money.**

*That's* the enormous force bearing down on this election. And it's a challenge none of us can afford to underestimate.

**Consider the scale:**

- **Trump** has [bragged](#) that he controls “close to a billion dollars” and that he's currently [planning](#) to spend “\$400 to \$500 million” to support Republicans in the midterms
- **Elon Musk** – the top donor for Republicans – has given almost [\\$300 million](#) to races.
- **Megadonors** [dominate the 2026 cycle](#), and are flooding GOP candidates and outside groupswith money unlike we've ever seen before.

We've also watched tens of millions of taxpayer dollars being used to push Trump's corrupt self-interests and fund his ego for television ads paid for with your dollars.

We're witnessing a level of special-interest spending beyond even Mitch McConnell's wildest dreams. And these numbers may only be the beginning.

The money comes from wealthy donors and corporate interests with enormous stakes —and rewards—in Trump's decisions. Just read the Washington Post's [expose](#) on the parade of billionaires pumping unprecedented dollars into Republican campaigns to protect their business interests.

We all know Republican campaign coffers are not being flooded with small-dollar donations from American families who support their agenda. No, Republican ads and mail and field programs are being funded by the same billionaires and price-gouging corporations that made life so unaffordable in the first place.

The checks are coming in from every entity looking to buy a pardon, curry favor, and move the needle in favor of their personal interests.

And Republican candidates all support this tsunami of billionaire and corporate money. Why? Because they know that they cannot win on the merits, so they must rig the rules in their favor.

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I'm not kidding. The amount of money Republican billionaires are pouring into these races is simply beyond belief.

None of us are naïve; we've known this day would come ever since Justices Kennedy, Roberts, Scalia, Alito, and Thomas decided to give their billionaire and corporate friends permission to buy elections. And we know it was made worse by the current Supreme Court rigging campaign finance law in the Republicans' favor.

These final weeks will bring into focus: the candidates, their records, and the resources behind their campaigns.

**With your great help and leadership, Democrats have built their campaigns around the issues voters care about most. Republicans enter the final stretch with an extraordinary financial advantage.**

And that, my friends, is the collision at the heart of this election.

**Democrats know the advantages are on our side. Republicans have an unprecedented amount of money on theirs.**

As we enter the final stretch, the question that could determine control of the Senate is as simple as it is consequential: **Can Republicans buy the Senate despite Democrats' advantage in candidates, policies, and political climate?**

I don't believe they can. I believe in our candidates and our message, and that we will prevail.

But we cannot take anything for granted.

**We all need to do everything we can to ensure victory on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**