Campaign Finance Influence Analyzer

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The Issue

• Data exists on every candidates’ finance records for the past 20 years

• Difficult to infer how candidates are financially beholden to interests. Especially relative to other politicians.

• An understanding of the relationship between our candidates and their campaign funding sources can help keep our politicians more accountable

• Monitoring the % of grass roots funding overtime
Prior Work

http://www.followthemoney.org/database/graphs/meta/meta.phtml
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Sketches
Completion Plan

• Set up database API

• Ability to search by candidates, companies, W/L

• General layout scaffolding

  • committee assignments and who is my rep.

• Politician bubbles physics/coordinates

• Drill down of industry sectors

• Highlighting of a sector through the fan approach
Potential Issue

- Dot position may be inaccurately interpreted.
Potential Solutions

- Highlighting of sectors
- Moving of sectors
- Limiting to only top 3 sectors per Cand.?
- Any suggestions?