

Regions Financial Gave \$110,000 To The Sedition Caucus After Claiming It Was Time To "Come Together" And After Touting Its Concern For Democracy And Civil Rights

SUMMARY: Regions Financial gave \$110,000 to the Sedition Caucus even after suspending all federal contributions after the insurrection and claiming it was time for the nation to "[come together and identify a united path forward](#)." Additionally, Regions has disclosed membership and paying [over \\$120,000](#) in dues to the American Bankers Association in recent years, which itself has given [\\$129,000](#) to the Sedition Caucus in 2021.

Beyond its contributions to the Sedition Caucus, Regions Financial's support for election deniers is in tension with its stated corporate values on democracy, ethics, and on supporting racial equity and civil rights efforts:

- In 2020, Regions' CEO pledged [\\$12 million](#) for racial equity causes—including \$1 million for the National Urban League and its [civil rights work](#). The bank has also touted a [\\$75,000](#) grant to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Notably, the insurrection was seen as "[the culmination](#)" of white supremacy in the Trump era.
- Regions Financial claims it [adheres](#) to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which includes an article on democratic rights that emphasizes "[genuine elections](#)."
- Regions Financial claims to "[do what is right](#)" and to maintain "[the highest ethical standards](#)," making "[a decent profit in a decent way](#)."

Further undermining Regions Financial's stated values on democracy and civil rights are hundreds of thousands of dollars in political contributions to Trump and to state officials who've undermined voting rights:

- Regions Financial has given \$117,800 to anti-voting rights officials in its home state of Alabama, including [Governor Kay Ivey](#), [Attorney General Steve Marshall](#), and [Secretary of State John Merrill](#). In particular, Governor Ivey approved a congressional map to "[pack](#)" [black voters](#) into race-based districts, made an "[irresponsible](#)" claim about voter fraud, and signed a bill to [limit voting options](#) during the pandemic.
- Regions Financial board member Don DeFossett has given [\\$42,500](#) to Pro-Trump PACs since the 2020 cycle, including one contribution dated [the day after the insurrection](#).

Regions Financial Has Given \$110,000 To The Sedition Caucus After Suspending All Federal Contributions After The Insurrection, Claiming It Was Time To "Come Together And Identify A United Path Forward" ...

So Far In 2021, Regions Financial Has Given \$110,000 To The Sedition Caucus.

Regions Financial Corporation Has Given \$110,000 To The Sedition Caucus, As Of December 22, 2021.

PAC	Member	Amount	Date
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Gary Palmer (AL-6)	\$5,000	05/27/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	David Kustoff (TN-8)	\$5,000	06/17/21; 10/08/21

Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-3)	\$5,000	04/29/21; 07/07/21; 07/27/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	William Timmons (SC-4)	\$5,000	05/27/21; 09/13/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Mike Rogers (AL-3)	\$5,000	04/29/21; 07/22/21; 10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Barry Moore (AL-2)	\$5,000	06/17/21; 08/10/21; 10/01/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Byron Donalds (FL-19)	\$4,000	08/10/21; 08/23/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Barry Loudermilk (GA-11)	\$4,000	05/27/21; 07/07/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Roger Williams (TX-25)	\$3,500	08/10/21; 09/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Robert Aderholt (AL-4)	\$3,500	05/27/21; 07/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	John Kennedy (LA)	\$3,500	06/17/21; 09/07/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Lance Gooden (TX-5)	\$2,500	06/17/21; 10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Steve Scalise (LA-1)	\$2,500	10/01/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Pete Sessions (TX-17)	\$2,500	10/06/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Tom Rice (SC-7)	\$2,500	06/17/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Jerry Carl (AL-1)	\$2,500	07/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)	\$2,500	09/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Tommy Tuberville (AL)	\$2,000	10/26/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Lloyd Smucker (PA-11)	\$2,000	05/27/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Scott Fitzgerald (WI-5)	\$2,000	08/10/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Cynthia Lummis (WY)	\$2,000	07/13/21; 09/02/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Beth Van Duyne (TX-24)	\$2,000	08/10/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Mike Kelly (PA-16)	\$2,000	06/17/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)	\$1,500	09/23/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Jackie Walorski (IN-2)	\$1,000	10/14/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Brian Babin (TX-36)	\$1,000	10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Rick Crawford (AR-1)	\$1,000	10/26/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Clay Higgins (LA-3)	\$1,000	10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Ron Estes (KS-4)	\$1,000	10/26/21

Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Ralph Norman (SC-5)	\$1,000	10/26/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Tim Burchett (TN-2)	\$1,000	10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Bill Posey (FL-8)	\$1,000	10/08/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Dan Bishop (NC-9)	\$1,000	10/14/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Diana Harshbarger (TN-1)	\$1,000	10/14/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Devin Nunes (CA-22)	\$1,000	10/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Kat Cammack (FL-3)	\$1,000	10/21/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Jason Smith (MO-8)	\$1,000	10/14/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Trent Kelly (MS-1)	\$1,000	07/27/21; 08/24/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Jim Banks (IN-3)	\$1,000	09/13/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Jodey Arrington (TX-19)	\$1,000	07/07/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Mike Bost (IL-12)	\$1,000	07/19/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Warren Davidson (OH-8)	\$1,000	07/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Buddy Carter (GA-1)	\$1,000	07/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Mike Johnson (LA-4)	\$1,000	08/10/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Richard Hudson (NC-8)	\$1,000	07/22/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Kevin Hern (OK-1)	\$1,000	05/27/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Greg Pence (IN-6)	\$1,000	08/10/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Michael Guest (MS-3)	\$1,000	09/29/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	David Rouzer (NC-7)	\$1,000	09/13/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)	\$1,000	08/23/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Steven Palazzo (MS-4)	\$1,000	09/27/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Chuck Fleischmann (TN-3)	\$1,000	08/23/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Frank Lucas (OK-3)	\$1,000	09/02/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	John Carter (TX-31)	\$1,000	09/20/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Troy Nehls (TX-22)	\$1,000	08/10/21
Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Joe Wilson (SC-2)	\$1,000	09/13/21

Regions Financial Corporation Political Action Committee	Carlos Gimenez (FL-26)	\$1,000	06/17/21
Total: \$110,000			

[Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [12/22/21](#)]

Regions Financial Suspended All Federal Contributions After The Insurrection, Claiming It Was Time To "Come Together And Identify A United Path Forward."

After The Insurrection On January 6, 2021, Regions Financial Said It Was "Temporarily Suspending All Federal-Level Contributions" From Its PAC. "We are temporarily suspending all federal-level contributions from Regions' voluntary, employee-funded political action committee, or PAC." [CNN, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Regions Financial Stated That It Was Time For The Nation To "Come Together And Identify A United Path Forward" And To "Consider Productive Ways To Move Forward And Build A Stronger Nation." "This is a time for us, as a nation, to come together and identify a united path forward. During this time, Regions will receive updated feedback from employees who donate to the PAC. At the same time, this is an opportunity for everyone to pause and consider productive ways to move forward and build a stronger nation and a stronger economy. We believe this vision is shared by people across our great country. And the conversations we have in the days and weeks to come will help inform future, bipartisan contributions from our employee-funded PAC, which exists to advance policies that benefit Regions' customers, associates, communities and shareholders." [CNN, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

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Regions Financial Disclosed Membership In The American Bankers Association In 2020, Paying Dues Of \$19,965 That Year. [Regions Financial, [2020](#)]

Regions Financial Disclosed Membership In The American Bankers Association In 2019, Paying Dues Of \$101,947 That Year. [Regions Financial, [2019](#)]

The American Bankers Association PAC Gave \$164,500 To The Sedition Caucus, As Of November 30, 2021. [Accountable.US, Corporate Donations Tracker, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

Regions Financial Claims In Its "Values" To "Do What Is Right" And To Maintain "The Highest Ethical Standards," Making "A Decent Profit In A Decent Way."

One Of Regions Financial's Corporate "Values" Is To "Do What Is Right," And The Company Claims To "Be Responsible And Accountable."

Region Financial's Second Corporate Value Is To "Do What Is Right":

Values

- Put people first
- Do what is right
- Focus on your customer
- Reach higher
- Enjoy life

[Region Financial, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Region Financial's Corporate Values State, "Stand For Quality And Integrity" And "Be Responsible And Accountable," Among Other Items. "Do what is right: Always. Be honest. Do what you say. Use common sense. Stand for quality and integrity. Take the long view. Earn trust. Be responsible and accountable." [Region Financial, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Regions Financial Claims To Maintain "The Highest Ethical Standards" And The Company Claims It Values Making "A Decent Profit In A Decent Way."

Regions Financial Claims That It Strives To "To Conduct Business According To The Highest Ethical Standards" And That Its Directors And Associates "Take These Ethical Responsibilities Seriously." "Further, we strive to conduct business according to the highest ethical standards, as evidenced by our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Code of Conduct) applicable to all associates and Directors, as well as our Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers and our Supplier Code of Conduct applicable to our suppliers and vendors. Our associates and Directors take these ethical responsibilities seriously and are mindful of our values; in particular, to do what is right." [Regions Financial, [2020](#)]

Region Financial Claims That It Values Making "A Decent Profit In A Decent Way." "Shared value is at the core of our mission and our business strategy. It's a simple idea: what we do as a business has to benefit our customers, our company and shareholders, and the communities where we operate. This is the path to a sustainable business; it's how to make a decent profit in a decent way." [Region Financial, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Regions Financial's Environmental, Social, And Governance Page States That The Company Has A "Mission To Make Life Better And Create Shared Values." "Regions is committed to our mission to make life better and create shared value. Regions recognizes that the long-term financial performance of our company and our ability to deliver shareholder value are directly tied to the success of our associates, our customers and the communities we serve." [Regions Financial, [11/16/21](#)]

In 2020, Regions' CEO Pledged \$12 Million For Racial Equity Causes— Including \$1 Million For The National Urban League And Its Civil Rights Work—And The Bank Touted A \$75,000 Grant To The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

In 2020, Regions' President And CEO Claimed The Company's "Firm Commitment To Stand With Our Communities To Address Systemic Racism And Bias" As He Touted A \$12 Million Commitment For Racial Equity, Including \$1 Million To The National Urban League And Its Civil Rights Work.

In 2020, Regions President And CEO John Turner Claimed The Company Made "A Firm Commitment To Stand With Our Communities To Address Systemic Racism And Bias." "In 2020, tragic events and racial injustices profoundly affected us as individuals and communities. Urgent and necessary calls for racial equity and justice quickly followed these events, and Regions responded with a firm commitment to stand with our communities to address systemic racism and bias. As a financial institution we see it as our responsibility to use our resources and expertise in ways that address disparities and create positive change:" [Regions Financial, [03/05/21](#)]

Regions President And CEO John Turner Touted A \$12 Million Commitment For "Racial Equity And Economic Empowerment For Communities Of Color." "In July 2020, we announced a new two-year commitment to invest \$12 million to advance programs and initiatives that promote racial equity and economic empowerment for communities of color." [Regions Financial, [03/05/21](#)]

- **Regions President And CEO John Turner Touted Allocating Over \$5.2 Million To "Positively Impact Communities Of Color" By The End Of 2020.** "Together, Regions Bank, the Regions Foundation and the RCDC by year-end had allocated more than \$5.2 million to positively impact communities of color, providing equitable opportunities for success and prosperity." [Regions Financial, [03/05/21](#)]

The \$12 Million Commitment Included \$1 Million To The National Urban League And Its Efforts To Advance "Economic Advancements, Parity, Power And Civil Rights." "\$1,000,000 from the Regions Foundation for the National Urban League: The National Urban League and its local affiliates work to empower African Americans and underserved residents in urban areas by securing economic advancements, parity, power and civil rights." [Regions Financial, [06/30/20](#)]

Regions Claimed It Was A "Longtime Supporter Of The Urban League." "Regions is a longtime supporter of the Urban League and works closely with affiliates to address community needs." [Regions Financial, [06/30/20](#)]

Regions Bank's Head Of Community Affairs Claimed The Company Was Working "Hand-In-Hand" With Racial Justice Organizations To Achieve "A More Just Society Where Everyone Can Prosper." "By making significant investments through our financial resources, as well as through volunteerism and community involvement, Regions is working to advance racial equity, help create greater social justice, and deliver meaningful benefits across the communities we serve," said Leroy Abrahams, head of Community Affairs for Regions Bank. "Our teams have deep relationships with organizations on the front lines of moving our communities forward. We are working hand-in-hand with these organizations and will develop additional community partnerships to achieve our shared goals of racial equity, expanded opportunities, and a more just society where everyone can prosper." [Regions Financial, [06/30/20](#)]

In 2020, Regions Announced A \$75,000 Grant For The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, As The Bank's Head Of Community Affairs Said The Institute's Efforts "Honor Those Who Fought For Equal Rights."

August 2020: Regions Bank Announced A \$75,000 Grant For The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI), Which "Chronicles The Visual And Oral History Of Both The Civil Rights Movement In Alabama And The Fight For Greater Human Rights Around The World." "Regions Bank on Monday announced a \$75,000 grant for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI), a cultural and educational research center that chronicles the visual and oral history of both the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama and the fight for greater human rights around the world." [Regions Bank, [08/24/20](#)]

Regions Bank's Head Of Community Affairs Said The BCRI's Exhibits "Honor Those Who Fought For Equal Rights" And Help To Uphold "The Principles Of Justice And Opportunities For All." "A visit to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is an experience like none other, and we owe it to current and future generations to ensure the BCRI is well positioned to continue fulfilling its mission," said Leroy Abrahams, head of Community Affairs for Regions Bank. "Seeing the images, touring the galleries, watching the videos, and

hearing the voices of leaders from the Civil Rights Movement as they recount history leaves a lasting impression. In turn, it helps us shape a brighter future as we honor those who fought for equal rights by making sure we are upholding the principles of justice and opportunities for all." [Regions Bank, [08/24/20](#)]

The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "Unite The Right" Rally In Charlottesville.

Associated Press: Years of white supremacy threats culminated in Capitol riots [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

The Associated Press Found That The Insurrection Was "The Culmination" Of Several White Supremacist Displays During The Trump Administration, Including The Deadly "Unite The Right Rally." "Amid the American flags and Trump 2020 posters at the U.S. Capitol during last week's insurrection were far more sinister symbols: A man walking the halls of Congress carrying a Confederate flag. Banners proclaiming white supremacy and anti-government extremism. A makeshift noose and gallows ominously erected outside. In many ways this hate-filled display was the culmination of many others over the past few years, including the deadly 2017 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that gathered extremist factions from across the country under a single banner." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

"Extremist Groups" Had A Presence In The Insurrection, "Including The Pro-Trump, Far-Right, Anti-Government Oath Keepers And The Three Percenters." "Extremist groups, including the pro-Trump, far-right, anti-government Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, a loose anti-government network that's part of the militia movement, were among those descending on the halls of power on Jan. 6." [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

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Regions Financial Claims It Is Guided By The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights.

Regions Financial Claims That "Honoring And Affirming Protections For Human Rights Is Embodied In Our Values And Mission." "Honoring and affirming protections for human rights is embodied in our values and mission. Regions' support of fundamental rights is also reflected in our policies and in our everyday interactions with associates, suppliers, customers, and the communities where we do business." [Regions Financial, [2020](#)]

Regions Financial Claims That It Adheres To The United Nations' Universal Declaration Of Human Rights. "We strive to conduct business in a manner that is consistent with fundamental human rights principles, such as those stated in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work." [Regions Financial, [2020](#)]

The United Nations Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes An Article On Democratic Rights That States, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections."

The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes The Right For "Everyone Has The Right To Take Part In The Government Of His Country, Directly Or Through Freely Chosen Representatives." "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] Everyone has the right to take part in the

government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights Includes, "The Will Of The People Shall Be The Basis Of The Authority Of Government," As Expressed Through "Genuine Elections." "Universal Declaration of Human Rights [...] Article 21 [...] The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures." [United Nations, accessed [11/09/21](#)]

Regions Financial Has Given \$117,800 To Anti-Voting Rights Officials In Alabama, Including Governor Kay Ivey, Attorney General Steve Marshall, And Secretary Of State John Merrill.

Regions Financial Has Given \$95,300 To Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Whose Anti-Voting Rights Actions Include Signing A Bill To Ban Curbside Voting, Approving Congressional Maps That "Pack" Black Voters Into Race-Based Districts, And Making An "Irresponsible" Claim That No-Excuse Absentee Would Increase Voter Fraud.

Regions Financial Corporation Has Given \$95,300 To Alabama Governor Kay Ivey. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

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May 2021: Alabama Governor Kay Ivey "Signed A Bill To Ban Curbside Voting" Amid Criticisms That The Practice Could Help "Improve Access For Some Voters." "Gov. Kay Ivey today signed a bill to ban curbside voting, which is not used in Alabama but became an issue during the 2020 elections because of a lawsuit and the COVID-19 pandemic. Ivey signed HB285 by Rep. Wes Allen, R-Troy. Lawmakers had approved the bill on the last day of the session May 17. It passed both houses on partisan votes. Republicans said curbside voting would jeopardize ballot security. Democrats opposed the bill and said curbside voting could be done securely and could improve access for some voters." [AL.com, [05/26/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Curbside Voting Ban Becomes Alabama Law With Gov. Kay Ivey's Signature."** [AL.com, [05/26/21](#)]

November 2021: Governor Ivey Signed New Electoral Maps Which "Preserve GOP Supermajorities" In Alabama's Congressional Delegation, State Legislature, And Board Of Education. "Gov. Kay Ivey signed new congressional, legislative and State Board of Education maps on Thursday as legal challenges about the maps began to mount. [...] On paper, the maps, which would go into effect in 2022, preserve GOP supermajorities on the State Board of Education and in the legislature and the U.S. House delegation." [Montgomery Advertiser, [11/03/21](#)]

- **Ivey Stated, "I, Once Again, Applaud The Men And Women Of The Alabama Legislature For Working Together To Get The Job Done."** "Ivey issued a statement about the plans, passed by the Republican majority in the Legislature over opposition from Democrats. 'I, once again, applaud the men and women of the Alabama Legislature for working together to get the job done,' Ivey said." [AL.com, [11/04/21](#)]

After State Republicans Refused To Create A Congressional District With "A Sizeable Number Of Black Voters," Democrats Sued To Challenge The Maps Over Claims They "Pack Voters Into Districts Based On Race." "The Republican-controlled Legislature rebuffed attempts from Democrats to create a second congressional district with a sizeable number of Black voters. Democrats have joined a federal lawsuit to make

that happen, and plan legal challenges on grounds that the maps do not keep counties whole and pack voters into districts based on race. 'There wasn't a lot of packing on the African American side; there was more packing on the majority side,' said House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, D-Huntsville." [Montgomery Advertiser, [11/03/21](#)]

March 2020: The Southern Poverty Law Center "Condemned" Governor Ivey For Her "Irresponsible" Comment That She Would Not Advocate For "No-Excuse Absentee Voting" "The Southern Poverty Law Center condemned Governor Kay Ivey's comments saying she would not advocate for 'no-excuse absentee voting' during the COVID-19 outbreak, calling her comments 'irresponsible.' [...] During a conference call on Tuesday, Ivey discussed whether "no-excuse absentee voting" should be allowed amid the COVID-19 outbreak. 'At this time I would not advocate for a legislative change to allow that to happen,' Ivey said. 'In a state-of-emergency the Secretary of State can adopt an emergency amend rule related to absentee voting. Anyone concerned with the virus can select a box and the box is called 'I am ill or have an infirmity.'" [Alabama Political Reporter, [03/26/20](#)]

A Senior Southern Poverty Law Center Figures Said Governor Ivey Relied On "The Myth Of Voter Fraud" To "Prevent Alabamians From Having A Safe Way To Vote By Mail In Future Elections" And "Undermine Our Democratic Process." "Nancy Abudu, deputy legal director for the SPLC, released a statement on Wednesday, saying Ivey's lack of consideration for 'no-excuse absentee voting' will leave thousands of people disenfranchised if they cannot vote by mail. [...] 'Governor Ivey's use of the myth of voter fraud as an excuse to prevent Alabamians from having a safe way to vote by mail in future elections is irresponsible, shows a total lack of leadership on a critical issue, and will undermine our democratic process.'" [Alabama Political Reporter, [03/26/20](#)]

"Extensive Research" Has Shown That Voter Fraud "Is Very Rare, Voter Impersonation Is Virtually Nonexistent, And Many Instances Of Alleged Fraud Are, In Fact, Mistakes By Voters Or Administrators." "Politicians at all levels of government have repeatedly, and falsely, claimed the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections were marred by large numbers of people voting illegally. However, extensive research reveals that fraud is very rare, voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent, and many instances of alleged fraud are, in fact, mistakes by voters or administrators." [Brennan Center for Justice, accessed [11/10/21](#)]

Regions Financial Has Given \$22,500 To Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall And Secretary Of State John Merrill, Who Won A U.S. Supreme Court Appeal In 2020 Against Curbside Voting To Preserve The State's "Overly Restrictive" Voting Laws.

Regions Financial Has Given \$21,000 To Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Regions Financial Has Given \$1,500 To Alabama Secretary Of State John Merrill. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

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2020: Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall And Secretary Of State John Merrill Won A U.S. Supreme Court Appeal Against Curbside Voting After Voters And Advocacy Groups Sued Over The State's "Overly Restrictive" Voting Laws During The Pandemic. "Last year, some voters and advocacy groups filed a federal lawsuit challenging some Alabama voting laws as overly restrictive during the COVID-19 pandemic. A federal judge ruled that counties should be able to offer curbside voting. Secretary of State John Merrill and Attorney General Steve Marshall appealed. The U.S. Supreme Court granted their request to block the judge's ruling from taking effect for the general election last year." [AL.com, [05/26/21](#)]

2021: Secretary Of State Merrill Praised The New State Law Banning Curbside Voting, Claiming He And Others "Always Prioritized Securing The Chain Of Ballot Custody." "Merrill applauded the curbside voting ban becoming law. 'Since taking office, we have always prioritized securing the chain of ballot custody,' Merrill said in a press release. 'By keeping the ballot in the hands of the voter, we ensure each vote is counted accurately, honestly, and independently from any poll worker or third party.'" [AL.com, [05/26/21](#)]

Regions Financial Board Member Don DeFossett Has Given \$42,500 To Pro-Trump PACs Since The 2020 Cycle, Including One Contribution Dated The Day After The Insurrection.

Regions Financial Board Member Don DeFossett Has Given \$42,500 To Trump Campaign PACs Since The 2020 Cycle—Including One Contribution Dated The Day After The Insurrection.

Don DeFosset Is On Regions Financial's Board Of Directors. [Regions Financial, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Don DeFosset Is Based In The Tampa, Florida Area, According To His Linkedin Profile. [Linkedin Profile for Don DeFosset, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

Don DeFosset Has Given \$42,500 To Trump Campaign PACs In The 2020 And 2022 Cycles, Including One Contribution Dated The Day After The Insurrection:

Date	Recipient	Contributor	Contributor Employer	Contributor Title	Amount
10/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
03/03/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Principal	\$2,800.00
03/03/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Principal	\$2,800.00
03/03/20	Trump Victory	Donald DeFosset	DJD Group	Principal	\$34,000.00
05/14/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$100.00
04/14/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$100.00
11/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
11/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	-\$25.00
06/14/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$100.00
11/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$25.00
08/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
08/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$2,300.00

08/10/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
09/07/20	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
01/07/21	Make America Great Again PAC	DeFosset, Donald	DJD Group	Investor	\$50.00
Total:					\$42,500

Don DeFosset Has Led The DJD Group, An Investment Group. "DeFosset, 64, leads the investment firm DJD Group and was previously the CEO of Walter Industries, www.saintpetersblog.com said." [Tampa Bay Business Journal, [07/24/13](#)]

- **DeFosset's Region's Financial Profile Identifies Him As "Former Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Walter Industries, Inc. (now Walter Energy, Inc.)"** [Regions Financial, accessed [11/16/21](#)]

August 2016: Don DeFosset Said "'I'm Leaning That Way'" When Asked If He Would Vote For Trump. "It's remarkable even to have to ask people who have been on the front lines of building the GOP for decades whether they will vote for the Republican presidential nominee. But even more remarkable how many said no or declined to say. We will continue updating this today as answers come in. Do you intend to vote for Trump? [...] Businessman and Republican fundraiser Don DeFosset of Tampa: 'I'm leaning that way.'" [Tampa Bay Times, [08/05/16](#)]