**Party Funding, general election June 8th 2017: Conservative Party**

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[Theresa May’s](http://www.independent.co.uk/topic/TheresaMay) party received £1,115,833 in donations of £7,500 or more between 24 May and 30 May, the last week for which [figures from the Electoral Commission](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/229324/2017-UKPGE-Week-4-Pre-poll-donations-and-loans-summary-document.pdf) are available. Their biggest single donation totalling £250,000 came from a billionaire hedge fund manager.

Labour managed just shy of that, with £1,046,692, coming mainly from the Unite and Communication Workers unions.

The Liberal Democrats took £108,024 in the same seven-day period, while the Green Party was handed a single donation worth £10,000.

**[Tories heavily reliant on donations from hedge funds and bankers](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-donations-money-raised-hedge-funds-bankers-analysis-general-election-2017-a7771346.html)**

The Women’s Equality Party took £20,544 and Ukip were not listed as having received any donations.

British-Australian businessman Michael (Hi24) Mayntze was the Tories’ biggest backer, handing over a quarter-of-a-million pounds on 25 May. Among the other big Conservative donors were Ehud Sheleg, an Israeli-born private art gallery director, Arne Groes, a banker, and Keith Bradsaw, a businessman, who each gave £100,000.

This total of £10,870,491 handed to the Tories (between the 3 and 30 May) compares with:

* £4,472,416 for the Labour Party
* £861,644 for the Lib Dems
* £131,576 for the Women’s Equality Party
* £99,300 for Ukip
* £52,866 for the Greens.

The figures mean the Tories have raised more than double the amount of Labour and 200 times the amount donated to the Greens over the 27-day period.

Analysis published last week found the Conservative party is heavily reliant on large cash donations from hedge funds, bankers, and magnates to fund its campaigns. Between the 2015 general election and 24 May 2917, 18.6 per cent of all donations to the party – totalling more than £8.4m – have come from hedge funds or people associated, while 6.5 per cent, or £2.9m, have come from investment bankers and the finance sector in general. Another 7.9 per cent of the party’s funding or £3.6m comes from property magnates, with a further chunk coming from fossil fuel companies.

**Q. What’s the funding picture like for the Labour Party?**

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