



**Many outside groups\* involved in Colorado county school board races are not legally required to publicly disclose their contributors, contributions or spending**

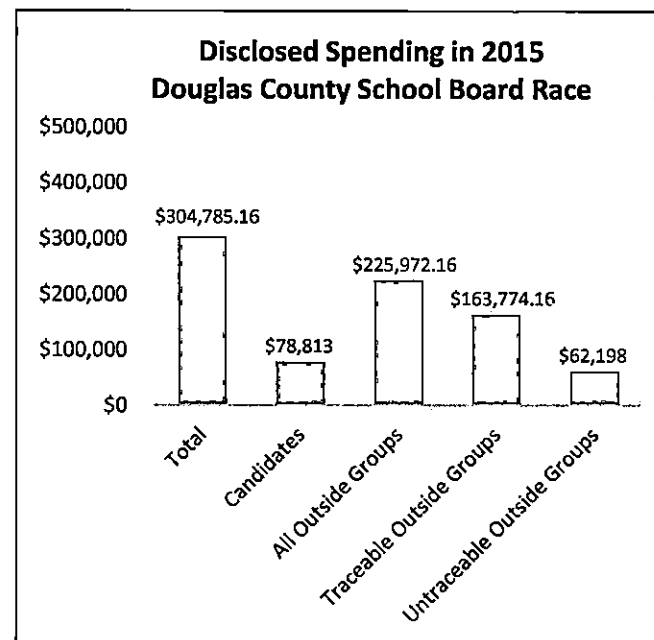
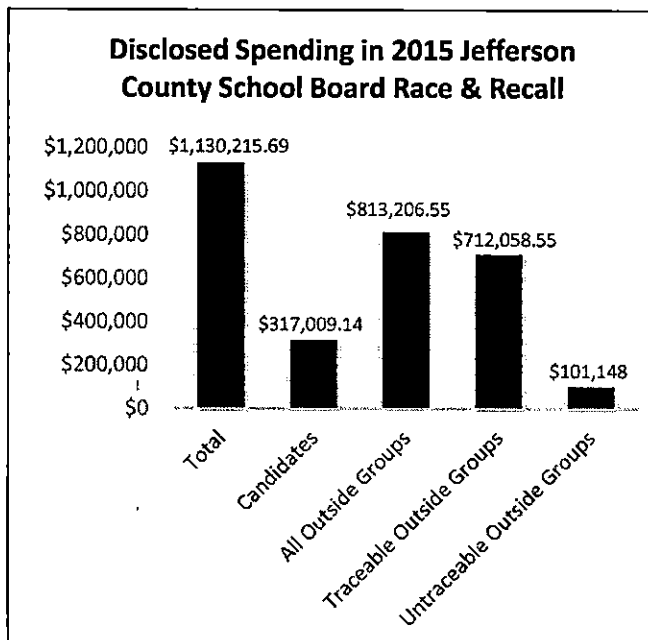
- \$350,000 spent by the 501(c)4 Americans For Prosperity (AFP) during the 2013 Douglas County school board race would remain unknown if it wasn't for quotes from AFP Colorado State Director Dustin Zvonek
- \$196,615 spent by Jeffco United during the 2015 Jefferson County school board race would remain unknown if it wasn't for a December 2015 court decision that made the 501(c)4 register as an Issue Committee

**Even groups that report to the Colorado Secretary of State may not have disclosed their spending until months after the November school board elections**

- None of the \$122,992.62 in contributions and \$130,815.22 in spending by Douglas County Education Alliance IEC during the 2015 Douglas County school board race was publicly disclosed until January 15, 2016
- None of the \$190,763.50 in contributions and \$185,486.99 in spending by Every Student Deserves Opportunity IEC during the 2015 Adams, Aurora and Steamboat Springs school board races was publicly disclosed until January 15, 2016

**Colorado county school board races are exempt from electioneering reporting requirements, making one less way to find the money involved in school board races**

- \$62,198 spent by AFP in 2015 Douglas County school board race was only revealed through Comcast political files
- \$70,116 spent by AFP in 2015 Jefferson County school board race was only revealed through Comcast political files
- AFP bought more political advertisement space but the FCC political files do not show dollar amounts



\*Outside groups are groups involved in political campaigns that are not run by candidates. Traceable outside groups publicly disclose contributors, contributions and expenditures. Untraceable outside groups do not publicly disclose contributors, contributions and expenditures.